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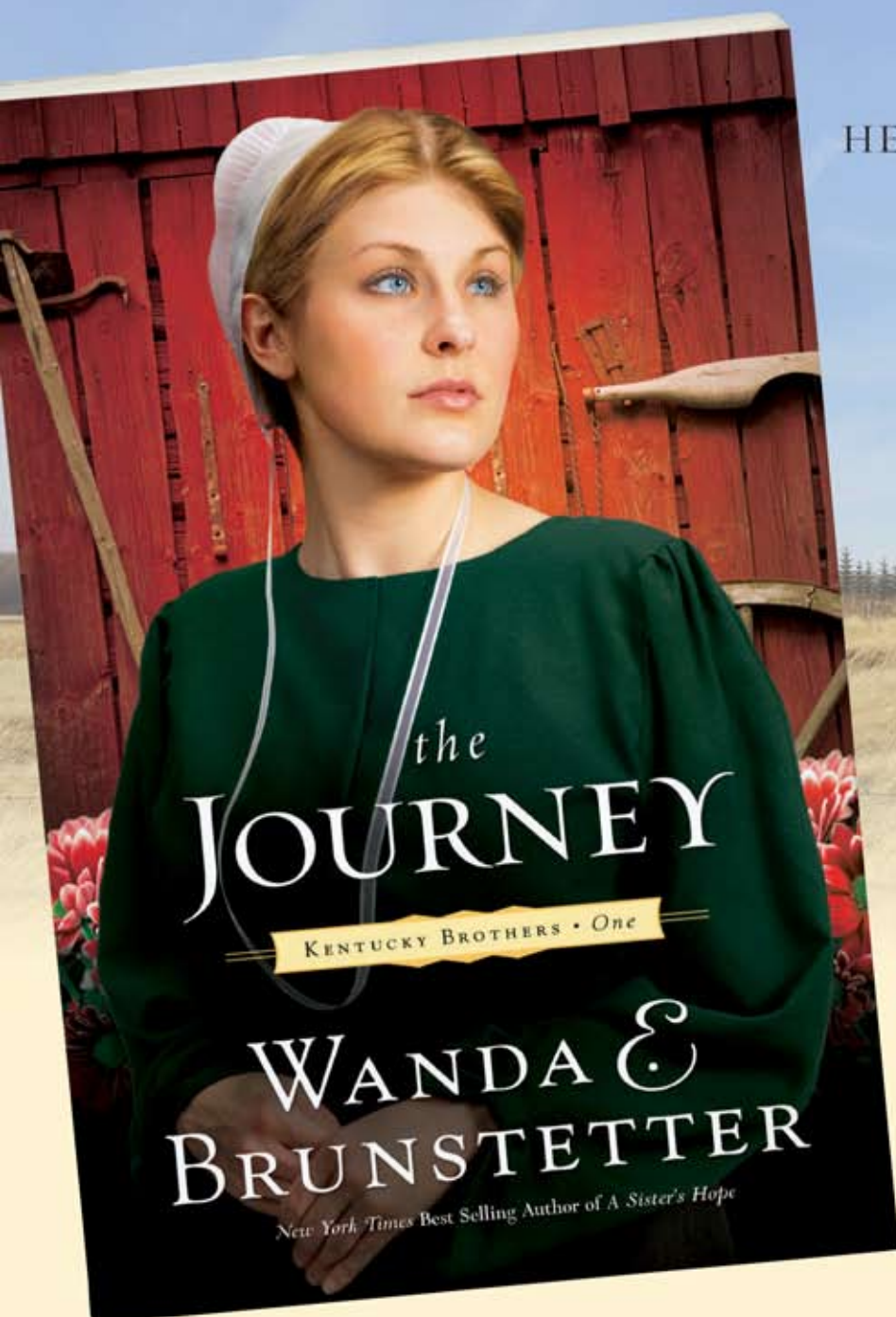
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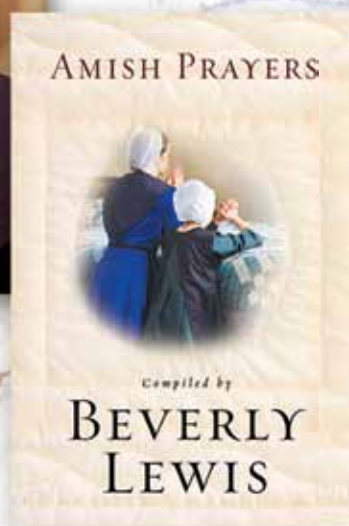
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A Q & A with... WANDA E. BRUNSTETTER

New York Times Bestselling Author of Amish Novels

Among authors of the Amish fiction phenomenon, there are few as respected as Wanda E. Brunstetter, who is known for her impeccable portrayal of the Amish people, their faith, and their culture. Her latest novel, THE JOURNEY, focuses on Titus Fisher as he seeks a new life—and finds new romance—in Christian County, Kentucky.

How did you first become interested in the Amish?

I was first drawn to the Mennonites when I married my husband and met some of his Plain family members. I was later drawn to them when a Mennonite acquaintance introduced us to his Amish employer and family. We enjoyed their company so much and got to know them as real people. I decided right then that when I wrote my first novel it would be Amish-themed, and since that time we've made numerous Amish friends in many communities around the country.

Amish fiction has been hot for several years now! Why do you think your Amish novels are still so popular?

I believe Amish fiction has become so popular because most "English" people are looking for ways to simplify their lives and get back to the basics. The Amish put God first and then their family and friends, which I believe is an example we all should follow. Many of my romance readers have told me that they "lose" their heart in the Amish life when they read one of my novels, which is what I do whenever I'm with my Amish friends.

What exactly does it mean to be Amish?

As one of our Amish friends, who's a minister in the church, recently said, "Amish is not our religion, it's our way of life. Jesus Christ is our religion, and we try to follow His example." The Amish way of life is to be set apart and try to live a Christ-like life. The Amish way of life focuses on simplicity, humbleness, helping others, and above all, serving God.

How do your books differ from others?

I always try to depict the Amish I know personally in as accurate a way as I can, showing their everyday life, joys, and struggles. I've been told by many Amish people that when they read my books they feel as though I am Amish, which is a confirmation to me that I am accurately portraying their way of life.

What are two things people might be surprised to know about you?

I'm a professional ventriloquist and two of my ventriloquist puppets are dressed in Amish clothes. I married my husband after only knowing him one month, and we've been married for 47 years.

Tell us about an Amish custom you find intriguing or unusual.

One custom the Amish observe is foot washing. They do this because the Bible tells us that Jesus washed His disciples' feet, and it shows humbleness and a willingness to serve others.

You've recently launched your first book in the Kentucky Brothers series, *The Journey*. How did you come to write *The Journey*?

After visiting a small Amish community in Christian County, Kentucky, a few years ago, I was fascinated with the fact that the Amish families living there had originally been from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. One of my friends in the area introduced me to several of his Amish friends in the small towns of Pembroke and Fairview, Kentucky, and after visiting with these special Amish people,

I had a stirring in my heart to write about their community.

Will we see characters from your other novels make appearances in this series? Explain.

My Kentucky Brothers series is actually a spin-off from my earlier series, *The Daughters of Lancaster County*. In the earlier series, the kidnapping of an Amish child took place, and many of the characters from those three books will have a role in the three books that will make up the Kentucky Brother series. Specifically, the main characters are Fannie's and Abraham's twin sons, Titus and Timothy, who are now grown men, and Abraham's son, Samuel, by his first marriage.

What character did you relate to in *The Journey*, and why?

The character I relate to the most is Fannie Fisher, Titus's and Timothy's mother. Fannie had a difficult time accepting the fact that Titus moved to Kentucky, as she'd been used to having all her family live close to her. When my own daughter got married and moved to another state, it was difficult for me to see her go. However, I knew her place was with her husband, so I accepted it and made the best of the situation, unlike Fannie, who kept badgering Titus about his decision to move.

You're known for your accuracy about Amish life. Explain, if you would, how you gained your knowledge.

My knowledge of the Amish has come about from getting to know them

personally and becoming close friends with many Amish people. My husband, who grew up in a Mennonite church, and I have spent a lot of time in Amish homes and have had the privilege of attending several Amish weddings and church services. We also keep in close contact with our Amish friends through letters and phone calls.

Where can readers find out more about you and your books?

My books are available at most Christian and traditional bookstores, online bookstores, and through Barbour Publishing. More information can be found on my website at www.wandabrunstetter.com or my publisher's website at www.barbourbooks.com. 

What's next for you, writing-wise?

The Healing, book 2 in my Kentucky Brothers series will be published this fall, and I also have a collection of historical stories that will be published in July of this year. Beyond that, I'll soon begin working on several other books that will be out in 2012, one of which will be a new Amish-themed children's book.



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WANDA'S TIPS for Living Simply

While we can't all leave our modern way of life and join the Amish faith, the Amish way teaches us to slow down and focus on the important things in life.

Here are some simple living suggestions:

1. The Amish do without electricity and modern technology like television. Why not try turning off the TV and sitting quietly? Or you might go outside and enjoy the sounds of nature. What could be more pleasing than listening to the melody of birds singing or hearing the whisper of the wind as it caresses your face?
2. Since the Amish have no electric dryers, they hang their laundry outside to dry. When you have the time and the weather is nice, try hanging your laundry outside to dry. You'll not only be saving energy, but the fresh, clean smell will relax your senses.
3. At every Amish gathering I've ever been to, there's been a lot of visiting going on. For the Amish, simple living involves spending time with their family and friends. Try visiting with a friend or family member without the distraction of TV or radio in the background. You'll be surprised at how enjoyable the conversation will be.
4. While the Amish do buy some gifts that they give to family and friends, many of the gifts they give are homemade. Rather than buying all your birthday and Christmas presents, why not try making some handmade gifts to give friends and family members? There's something satisfying about making a gift with your hands.
5. My Amish friends seem to have a more relaxed attitude than most Englishers I know. When I'm with them, I feel more relaxed and patient. Try slowing your pace, and don't be in a hurry to get everything done quickly. You'll feel more calm and relaxed.

— Wanda E. Brunstetter

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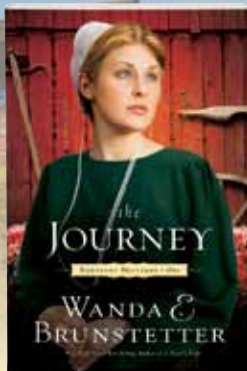
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Lancaster County Convention Center
Lancaster, 239-1600 AmericanQuilter.com

March 16 - 19
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Lancaster Quilt & Textile Museum
Downtown Lancaster, 299-6440
LancasterHeritage.com

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Continental Inn (Route 30)
Lancaster, 299-0421 Continentalinn.com

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Lancaster Host Resort (Route 30)
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March 26
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Gap, 442-9549 GapFire.org

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Lancaster, 399-7977 LancasterARTS.com/
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April 9
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April 22 - 24
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Adamstown, 484-4115 ShuppsGrove.com

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Ephrata, 738-5060 DowntownEphrata.org

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April 14 - May 28
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Lancaster, 898-1900 DutchApple.com

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May 8**PA Music Expo - Keystone Record Collectors**

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May 14 - 15**Theme - Lighting & Timepieces**

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Adamstown, 484-4115 ShuppsGrove.com

May 14**BrewFest**

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May 21 - 22**Theme - Political & Religious Memorabilia**

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May 21**Annual Sertoma Chicken BBQ**

Long's Park
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May 28 - 29**Theme - Vintage Clothing & Accessories**

Shupp's Grove Antique Market
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AQS Quilt Show

Second Year in Lancaster



Best Wall Quilt - Beautiful Beulah

Sharon L. Schlotzhauer,
Colorado Springs, CO

Sharon over-dyed and painted each element and was drawn into the detail work in this scene inspired by the 1963 movie Summer Magic. Machine quilted.



Grand Geometrics - 1st Place

Sunshine And Shadow Too
Barbara M. Burnham, Ellicott City, MD

Sunshine warms the colors of an Amish clothesline, and shadows surround the hand quilting. Inspired by the colors and elaborate quilting of antique Amish quilts.

Lancaster is known for quilting, and could well claim to be America's Quilt Capital. Quilt shows have been held locally for many years. But 2011 marks the second year that the prestigious American Quilter's Society (AQS) has staged one of their shows here, featuring nationally-renowned quilting exhibits, workshops, contests, and special events.

Thousands of quilt enthusiasts will be attending the show, once again held at the downtown Lancaster County Convention Center on March 16-19, 2011. The quilt exhibits and merchant mall areas will be located in Freedom Hall, the Commonwealth Ballroom, and the Heritage Ballroom – all located at the Convention Center. A huge Merchant Mall will feature the very latest in quilting supplies, antique and new quilts, and quilt-related gifts.

"We're very pleased to bring an AQS Quilt Show & Contest to a wonderful and natural quilting destination like Lancaster, and to provide another opportunity for quilters to enter our contests and be recognized for their amazing artistry," noted AQS president Meredith Schroeder.

More than 300 quilts will be on exhibit, and more than \$44,000 in cash prizes will be awarded in the quilt contest, with \$10,000 going to the Best of Show winner. Special theme quilt exhibits include:

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- AQS Authors' Exhibit

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Special events begin with the Awards Presentation just prior to the show opening on Wednesday, plus The Quilter's Link, and the All-Star Review. Thursday's featured events are the AQS Authors' Roundtable and Quilter's Fun Night with Dianne S. Hire and Bonnie Browning. The Ricky Tims Concert, Quilts & More will be held in the Chapel at Lancaster Bible College on Friday evening. Brunch with Karen Kay Buckley will start the day on Saturday.

Finally, a special sanctioned event will be held at the Lancaster Quilt & Textile Museum for hands-on demonstrations of traditional and contemporary textile arts by Lancaster textile artisans from the Mennonite Information Center in the museum's grand events hall. Stop by the museum and join in this week-long quilting bee. Plus, the museum and Franklin & Marshall College are collaborating on an exhibition that explores the connection between quilts in the Esprit Collection of Lancaster County quilts during the 1970s and the fashions produced by Esprit in the 1980s. There are extended hours during quilt week.

AQS show hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday, March 16 through Friday, March 18, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, March 19. Admission at the door is \$9 daily or \$17 multi-day for AQS members; non-member admission is \$11 daily or \$30 multi-day.

Whether you are "into" quilts or not, if you are in Amish Country during this time, be sure to take in the exhibits. You'll be amazed at the designs, colors, and innovations on display. A feast for the eyes and a testimony to the creative spirit, your imagination will soar and your quilt horizons will certainly be expanded at this very special event. 

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These are just a few of the many craftsmen and artists you may meet, or whose works you may discover, on a visit to Pennsylvania Dutch Country. While many visitors rightly identify quilts with our area, with its plethora of quilt and fabric shops dotting the patchwork farmland, there are many other crafts and artists often overlooked by visitors. These enterprises range in size from those where people work right out of their home, to others that employ many workers, such as several of our furniture producers. Driving the back roads, you may see a “shingle” hanging at the end of the lane, denoting a home business. You might also come across a large wholesale business that produces products for wholesale both near and far. The range of those who work with wood is

Lancaster, the oldest inland city in the United States, has always been home to a diverse number of craftsmen, from silversmiths and rifle makers, to the builders of the Conestoga Wagon, and others who created hand-lettered family records and children’s toys. Today, something that was once considered a household implement or decoration for the wall may now be highly prized as American folk art. Indeed, particularly furniture and artwork from our region grace some of the finest museums in the world. You need only watch a few episodes of “Antiques Roadshow” to see some examples, and the high prices they bring at auction.

Some of these traditions have continued for generations within the same family, while others have been taken up anew by someone captivated by the object itself, a desire to work with one’s hands, to create a unique and original folk craft or work of art. In 2010, in recognition of those among us today who exemplify these craft traditions, Lancaster County’s Heritage Program, with the aid of the Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen, selected twelve residents and their work as “Heritage Crafts.”

Approved by a special committee, and then by the County Commissioners, these living artists represent the preservation of particular handmade crafts that reflect local heritage and skilled workmanship. Their products are so designated for the discriminating visitor who wishes to take something home that represents the highest modern representation of a local craft tradition, from handmade cookies to pottery. (To learn more, go to www.lancastercountyheritage.com.) Currently designated Heritage Crafts and Artists are either shown here or noted on this list:

- **Decorative Paste Papers:**
Elizabeth Gates
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Over the years here at Amish Country News, we have interviewed and gotten to know many residents who produce crafts of all kinds, from



Pennsylvania Redware Pottery: Ned Foltz

kaleidoscopes to soaps. In our current issue, quilts are the featured artisan work, and not just traditional design Amish quilts, which in reality are now not frequently seen and produced, but which have become prized museum pieces. Nowadays, everything from wall-hangings and quillocks to magnificent quilts composed



Pennsylvania German Weaving: Susan Weaver

of thousands of fabric pieces can be purchased at sales and benefit auctions. Some quilters can create a quilt from a photograph; others will make one from Grandpa’s necktie collection. Techniques range from hand stitching to those designed on computers and stitched on a “long arm” quilting machine.

Fabric shops dot the countryside, supplying quilters looking for bolts of fabric and “fat

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Pennsylvania German Furniture: Thomas Morton

a good example of the variety, from makers of museum-quality furniture to makers of wooden toy animals and marble rollers.



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Fraktur: Julie Kohler

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Francis Kohler speaking at the annual service of North
Lancaster, Lancaster, PA

workshops, lectures, and quilt displays stretch the imagination and delight the eyes.

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quarters" with an incredible variety of patterns and colors. Quilt exhibits appear regularly at the Quilt Museum in Intercourse, and the finest collection of antique Amish quilts is at home downtown in the Lancaster Quilt & Textile Museum. There are quilting books published here all the time, and the prestigious

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Geri's fun "Tricky Trade" kicks off the weekend and helps everyone get to know each other. There are also plenty of opportunities for dining out at Amish style restaurants, shopping for quilt and fabric supplies at discounted prices, and exploring interesting antique shops.

The group literally takes over an entire bed and breakfast inn, so once all the sewing machines are set up, they simply stay up all weekend. Fabric ends up being spread throughout the common room, making for a great and leisurely working space.

The cost of a weekend is \$250, which includes two nights lodging, one country breakfast, one lunch,



— Ladies with a T-Shirt Quilt

one supper, and a lovely Sunday brunch. At the time of this printing, available weekends were April 8-10, August 26-28, October 14-16, and November 11-13. Reserve your space by sending a registration form (found at Threadmakers.com)

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The FlavorFest, held on the grounds of the Mount Hope Estate and Winery, is organized in collaboration with the PA Dutch Convention & Visitors Bureau. From restaurants and specialty food vendors to wineries and local attractions, this event is the perfect opportunity to enjoy a sampler platter of the unique offerings of the Dutch Country. Whether you are a culinary genius and wine connoisseur or simply have a passion for



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different flavors, the many delights of this festival will certainly have you trying things you have never tried before.

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In addition to sampling wines and foods, there will be a host of unique PA-based artisans demonstrating their crafts. Peruse items from a variety of disciplines including pottery, jewelry smithing, glassworks, candle making, basketry, quilting, painting, photography and more.

These talented Pennsylvania artisans will exhibit and sell one-of-a-kind items that will pique the interest of the most seasoned shopper.

To round out the festivities, a mix of Pennsylvania-based musicians will provide live entertainment, creating an "afternoon in the park" atmosphere featuring a variety of musical genres.

The Crafty Kid's area will engage young patrons in hands on activities to help them explore both the culinary and craft world. Kids can "Use Their Noodle" to design a work of art using pasta, decorate a hex sign, build a food pyramid, make

their own juggling balls and learn the art of juggling. For a small fee, children can create "Produce Prints" by decorating a t-shirt using locally grown fruit and vegetables.

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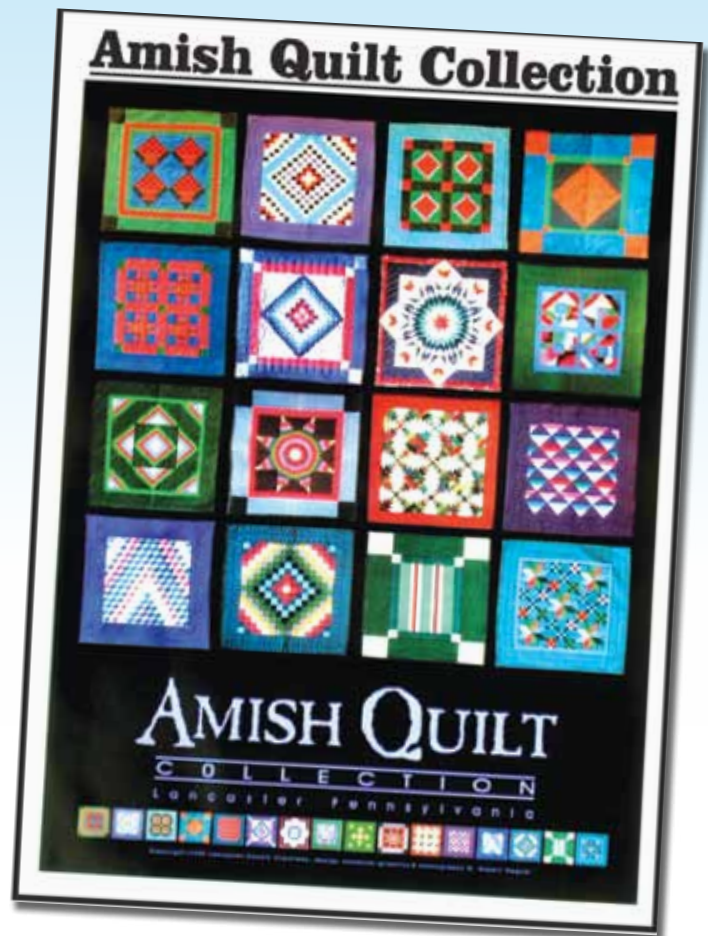
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The artist illustrated the official Lancaster County Seal in 1976 for the Bicentennial. A very limited edition full color print on parchment of the Seal, hand signed by the commissioners of that time, will be on display at the exhibit. Silk-screened shirts of the Amish Quilt Collection, the Amish Silver Star Quilt, and the Amish Country Chopper will also be on display. These designs have been very popular and have been sold in select shops and galleries throughout Lancaster County. Wagner promotes his work with the Authentic Lancaster Label that identifies the piece as being created locally. (See label on this page.)

When shopping in Amish Country why not take home something created by a local artist? Look for the Authentic Lancaster Label and bring back a remembrance of Amish Country's heritage. For more information visit www.AuthenticLancaster.com or call the PA Dutch Visitors center 717-735-0823. Listed below are some of the nearby shops where the Art from Lancaster is available:

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Amish Quilts—A Special Heritage

By Brad Igou

The visitor to Amish Country will have no problem finding quilts, but most are made today to meet the commercial tastes of modern visitors. Even though traditional or “classic” Amish quilts were originally seen as items of folk craft, they are now recognized as worthy to hang in the most prestigious museums and collections.

The earliest dated Amish quilt appears to have been made in 1849, and the next dated one comes from the year 1860. Quilt historians say the Amish learned quilting techniques from their American neighbors, since it was never a major form of

German folk art. By the 1920’s, intense, bright colors were seen in Amish quilts in Lancaster.

Robert Hughes, famous art critic and historian, notes that “the work of Amish quilt makers in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, between about 1870 and 1950 was one of the finest aesthetic forms in America... We have to drop the snootiness that goes with looking at the artifacts of a ‘simpler’ way of life than ours, because the life of rural communities is not simple and never was. By the same token it is a good idea to think twice about the figure of the folk artist as a ‘humble, anonymous’ craftsman or craftswoman. This is a figment of the sophisticated.”

Hughes goes on to say that everyone knew who made the quilts they saw or received within the family or community. Indeed, with quilts often given by the Amish as wedding gifts, or as a special remembrance, the identity of the maker was valued perhaps more than the quilt itself, something we often forget when we look at an “anonymous” quilt on a museum wall.

The classic Amish quilts of Lancaster County are different from other Amish quilts, and many feel those of Lancaster are among the finest ever made. Hughes says it all has to do with “a sparseness of design pulled back from dogmatic rigor by its inventive quirks, a magnificent sobriety of color, a balanced amplitude of conception, a truly human sense of scale.” According to Hughes, we find these characteristics of classic Lancaster Amish quilts:

1. Large, geometrical color fields instead of patchwork patterns
2. A central design sitting within a narrow inner border (instead of repeated, all-

over blocks), and a wider outer border finished with an added binding, usually of a contrasting color.

3. Deep, saturated colors, with the use of black only for accent.
4. Their own peculiar designs, like Diamond in the Square.
5. Incomparably more elaborate quilting than by Amish in other areas.
6. Fabric tends to be fine wool, not cotton.
7. There is no depictive imagery, no patterned cloth.
8. The quilts are characteristically made from very few pieces.

Many people think every part of these old quilts was done by hand, but many quilts were top pieced on sewing machines, which were in use by the 1870’s. The quilting, however, was done by hand and “Lancaster Amish women were long considered the very finest quilters anywhere.”

The casual observer may look at 20 quilts in the Diamond in the Square pattern, unique to the Lancaster Amish at the time, and comment that they are all the “same.” Yet closer examination to the colors, details and design elements shows a marvelous diversity within a limited design range. Yet what Amish women did with the colors and quilting is astonishing, even to our modern, jaded eyes. Indeed, these quilts “deserve our attention and abundantly repay it.” 

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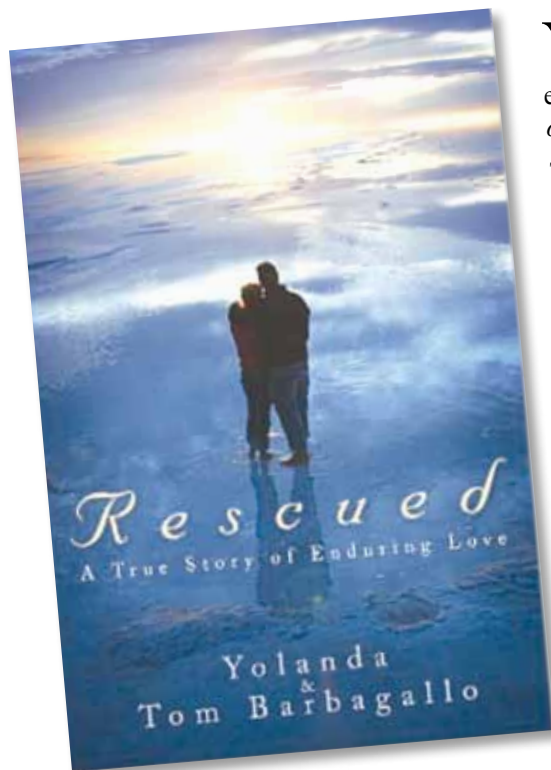
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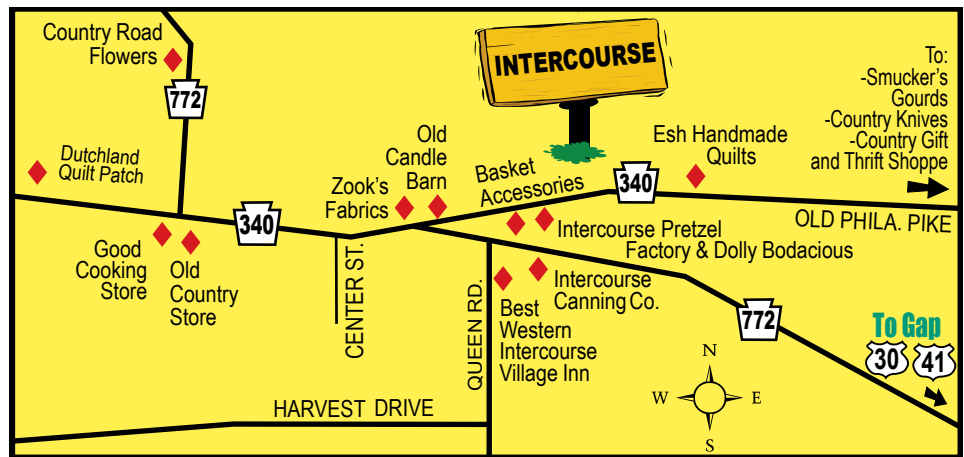
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Newport Road met with the Highway and it is believed that its location at these intersecting roads led the tavern to take "Cross Keys" as its name. It remained such until 1814, when named was changed to Intercourse as part of a failed real estate scheme of a Mr. George Brungard who had acquired 48 acres of nearby land in 1813 and attempted to lay

out a town site and divide it into sections for sale by a lottery, advertising "151 handsome building lots of \$250 each to be drawn for by number." He stressed "the great importance of so many turnpikes and great leading roads intersecting at and near this place." Renaming the town made sense, as intercourse had a common usage referring to the pleasant mutual fellowship and frequent intermingling, which was so common in the informal atmosphere of the quiet country village of the day. On to yet another theory on the town's name...

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A New Story From The Pen of Beverly Lewis

a review by Sue Skala, an avid reader and professional tour guide with the Amish Experience at Plain & Fancy Farm

Once again, Beverly Lewis has reached into the heart and soul of the Lancaster County Amish with a fictional story filled with factual events. Many works of fiction have factual events, but our author does so much extensive research to make sure her facts are accurate.

Our story takes place in Lancaster County, PA. Solomon Kauffman and his wife, Emma, are the proud parents of seven boys and two girls. This story is not only of an immediate family, but also of extended family members.

Rose is a typical teenager, an Amish teenager. Please remember, Amish choose to live and worship as they do, but they are not saints, nor are they sinners, but they are people just like you and me that made a very different choice. So her emotions are not that different from "English" teenagers.

Today is her cousin Esther Kauffman's wedding and Rose will be her attendant. Unfortunately, the day starts with rain. "No sunshine on the wedding day, no happiness for the marriage" (superstition), but the rain stops and the sun comes out. In Amish weddings, single young folk are paired off as couples and Rose is not paired off with her intended Silas, but with Melvin, her cousin. Who will Silas' partner be? None other

than the beautiful Rebekah Bontrager, whose family moved away years ago. Why is she suddenly here?

Rose senses there is too much friendliness between Silas and Rebekah. Now Rose is faced with another problem, a secret she has been carrying with her for years. A long time ago, Bishop Aaron took in a foster boy, Nick. During this time, Rose and Nick became very friendly—an affair? All of a sudden, Nick runs away under unusual circumstances, which now puts weight on Rose's mind.

Another family member, Hen, Rose's sister, is being torn between her "English" husband and her Amish ways. Their marriage is falling apart so Hen brings her four year old daughter to live in the Dawdi Haus with her. Yes, Hen did elope with Brandon and has been living with Brandon in their "English" ways. Brandon files for divorce the day Hen goes to see an attorney. Brandon is in a serious automobile accident. Hen realizes that he is totally dependent on others and brings him to the Dawdi Haus, all the while hopeful that they can rekindle their marriage.

A blessing in disguise happens when Beth, a child like woman, comes to stay in the Kauffman house as her widower father must go away. As is the case with many special needs individuals, they have an inborn sense of love and compassion and Beth becomes attached to Emma, who has



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been paralyzed from a buggy accident. Beth writes "healing prayers" for Emma and repeats over and over, "She needs me".

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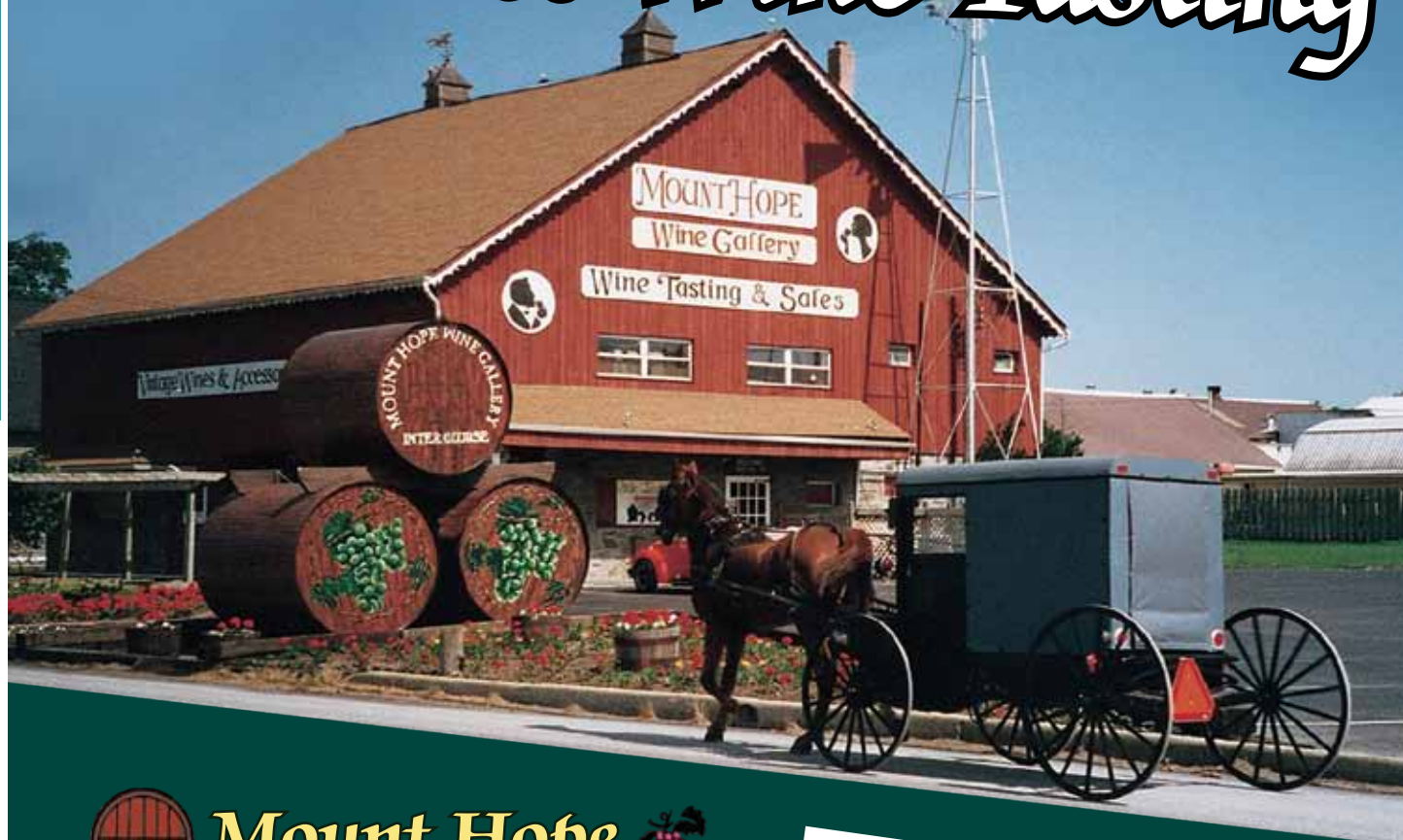
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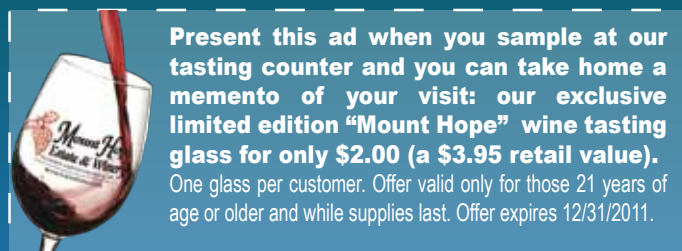
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area was called the “Enter Course,” eventually Intercourse. A postal historian claims that when the town’s name was changed from “Entercourse” to “Intercourse,” “there was no hesitancy on the part of the United States Post office Department to accept the name ‘Intercourse’ since it meant a commercial or trading site.”

Over time, Brungard’s scheme begat others. As recently as 1971, an enterprising soul tried to take advantage of the town’s name by selling deeds for one-inch square plots of Intercourse to visitors. Creative, but nonetheless a failure.

The town grew slowly and by 1880 Intercourse had a population of 280. The post office actually moved among stores or restaurants whose owners hoped visits by residents would increase their business.

The local stagecoach service started around 1898. It was “a single horse conveyance similar to a market wagon, with a roll-up curtain and double set of seats.” The stagecoach brought items from Lancaster City for local businesses, and even picked up milk, butter, and eggs for delivery to Lancaster restaurants. When it snowed, a bobsled was used instead. When the driver knew of passengers beforehand, their comfort was added to by many a hot brick heated the night before in the oven, and wrapped in newspaper to preserve its warmth. As the days of the dirt road drew to a close, so too did the stagecoach era. In 1923 a Transit Company was organized and bus service was initiated to and from Lancaster. While “many of the Amish residents of the area were anxious to see the line started. But they did not want to invest in stock of the Company. Instead they bought books of tickets which were really prepaid bus fares.” Enough money was

raised to buy a Mack Auto Bus for \$6,800. It held 25 passengers and even had solid rubber tires!

There have always been a lot of businesses in the town in relation to its size. Perhaps the most famous is Zimmerman’s Hardware whose notoriety was assured when Harrison Ford made a phone call from its porch in the blockbuster movie WITNESS.

Today Intercourse has been recognized as a “foodie” town by the Visitor’s Bureau. With the Intercourse Canning Company welcoming visitors from around the world to sample and purchase its much sought after lines of jams, jellies and canned fruits and vegetables; the Intercourse Pretzel Factory making artisan hand-

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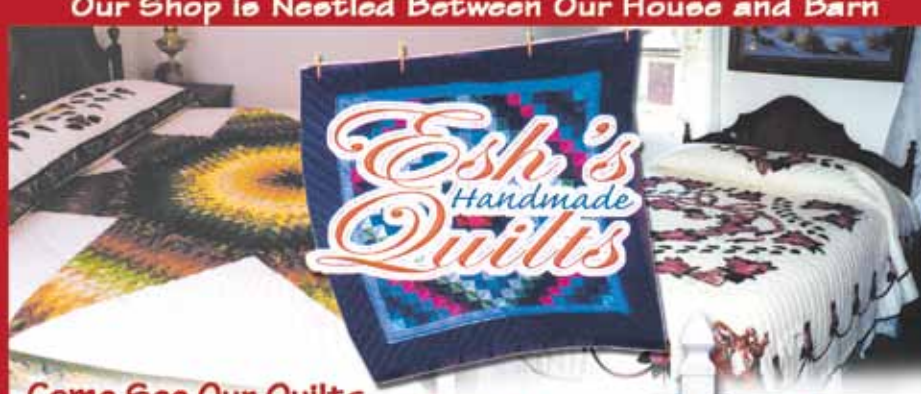
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Some of the town's most interesting specialty shops include Dolly Bodacious for vintage linen

and jewelry; Country Road Flowers for beautiful arrangements; the Old Candle Barn for candles and a whole lot more; Zook's Fabrics with both great prices and selection; and Basket Accessories with Longaberger and Amish baskets.

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and nearby are the Village Pottery and the Main Street Book Shop. Brand new this year is The Good Cooking Store, with all kinds of wonderful things for the kitchen.

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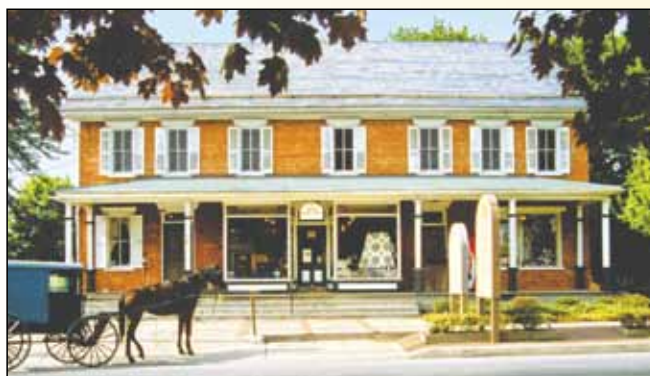
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home. Heading east you'll find Esh's Handmade Quilts, a visitor favorite right on an Amish dairy farm, and a bit further east Country Knives, an unexpected find that truly is "one sharp store."

Over the years, this fascinating village certainly has changed, but slowly. It seems to us that "sometimes the things that grow the slowest are the ones that endure the longest." 

COUNTRY ROAD FLOWERS

Head north out of Intercourse on Newport Road (772) and keep your eyes open for the sign off to the left just after you leave town, "Country Road Flowers." You just have to stop in and see this gem of a shop. As the name implies, they have a great selection of silk blooms, but as with most local shops tucked away behind family homes, this store has so much more that visitors always marvel at...the unexpected variety of sturdy locally hewn furniture, household decorations for any home anywhere, and none of it screams "big box boring." Your stop here reveals what local craftsmen can really do!

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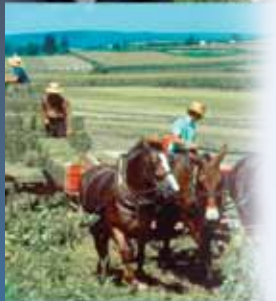
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2011 Amish Series: The Amish in the Year 2100 A.D.

by Brad Igou

(Part 1 of 2)



None of us can really know what the future will bring, but the Amish always seem “behind” the rest of the world. Nevertheless, the Amish of today are quite different from the Amish of 100, or even 50 years ago. Indeed, if an Amishman came back from the past, he might be shocked to see how his brethren live today. But it was their ability to adapt and change that helped them to survive and flourish into the 21st century.

The Amish population in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, has doubled in the last 20 years or so. One Amishman even projected that at this rate there would be 480,000 Amish in Lancaster County before the year 2100 A.D. and one million twenty years later! He asks, “Lancaster, are you ready for that?”

Let us suppose that the Amish have continued to live “behind the times.” Because of this, they continue to fascinate the people of the future and to attract tourists. So, for something whimsical, let’s have a little fun with all of this and imagine what our lives and those of the Amish might be like in 90-100 years....

Part I: Amish Transportation

Now in the year 2100, cars are naturally something from a bygone era. The Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. opened its National Museum of the Automobile several years ago in 2078, and it continues to attract large numbers of visitors. The visions of all of those old 1990’s science fiction movies have partly come true. We are all riding around in flying cars known as “airmobiles.” Naturally, any group of people like the Amish who continue to make use of cars, those land machines on rubber tires, attracts many a curious visitor. So today we will take off in our airmobile and fly over to Lancaster’s Amish Country.

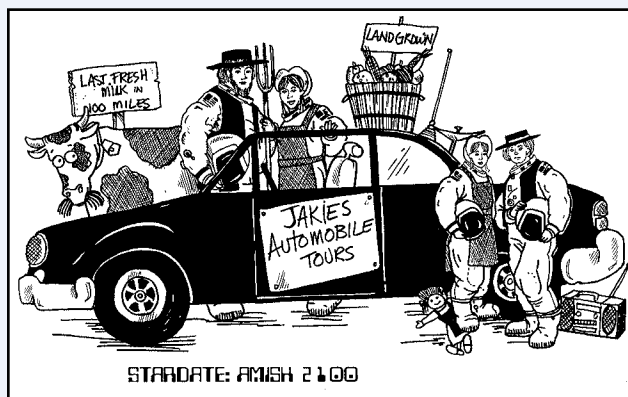
Zooming over the huge sprawling city that makes up most of the northeastern United States, we begin to see patches of... could it be...farmland! Beyond certain stretches of forests and mountains that have been preserved, there is little in the way of open space anymore in this region. And with food grown almost entirely indoors, farms are pretty much the stuff of history books.

The Amish had pretty much discontinued using the horse and buggy by 2060 A.D. Many experts were surprised they had held out that long. But the first booming airmobiles frightened the horses more than the cars had on the roads. In time, the car was hardly considered a worldly object, since they had pretty much begun to disappear. The Amish saw what was coming. As the “automobile” was being replaced by the “airmobile,” the Amish started buying up the last surviving car models. Needless to say, they got them dirt cheap. People were happy to find anyone who wanted to buy their cars. Indeed, the Amish have kept many of the last cars from the mid-21st century in superb condition.

Furthermore, seeing the demise of the car, the Amish started buying up the few remaining junkyards at bargain prices. (The Smithsonian people often come to them for advice and parts.) The car is as much a throwback now in the space age as the horse and buggy were in the automobile age.

While sociologists predicted that the Amish would never survive if they switched to cars, they were wrong. In fact, the change to the car probably saved them. Just as in the old days, when rowdy Amish boys had cars, some of the rebellious Amish youth had started to purchase secondhand airmobiles. There were many flying accidents. It was at this point that the church elders decided it was best to make the switch to cars and keep everyone “on the ground.” What with flying airmobiles owned by just about everyone around them, the Amish finally accepted cars much as their grandparents had viewed the horse and buggy... as a method to preserve a way of life “in the world, but not of it.”

After a visit to Lancaster County, many visitors go home saying that there are valuable lessons to be learned from these Amish, who live in the old, traditional style of people in the previous millennium. Some tourists even tell their astonished grandchildren that they remember growing up this way! Others wonder if perhaps something has been lost with all the speed, technology, and progress that are now a part of our lifestyle in the year 2100 A.D. 



STARDATE: AMISH 2100

Illustration by Lorraine Sullo

Next Issue: Tourism and “Farming” in 2100 A.D.



The Amish

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Last year marked the 51st anniversary of three of Lancaster's premiere attractions, all at one location on the AAA designated Scenic Cultural Byway, Route 340, mid-way between Bird-in-Hand and Intercourse.

Plain & Fancy Farm celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2009 as the very first family-style restaurant. It remains a legendary dining experience. At the same time, Amish Country Tours (Dutchland Tours) began the first regularly scheduled tours for visitors through the scenic Amish farmlands. And 1959 also marked the opening of the Amish Country Homestead, the only Amish house tour designated a Heritage Site by Lancaster County.



Amish House Tour Unravels Riddles

Amish people wouldn't appreciate visitors walking through their homes all day...nor would you! So the best way to see the inside of a house is on a tour. At the Amish Country Homestead, the staff is committed to interpreting the changing Amish lifestyle. Rather than a museum, it has the feel of a real, "lived in" home. Guides take visitors on a fascinating 45-minute tour through the nine rooms. Discover how church is held in the home and hear the singing. See how Mom does her laundry---with a gasoline engine! Upstairs learn about Plain dress, while the kids enjoy the marble rollers.

The Fisher Amish Schoolroom is where you (or the kids) can sit at actual Amish school desks and learn how all eight grades are taught in one

room. An Amish schoolteacher helped decorate the room to give it the feel of a real school. It's all included in the house tour.



Interpreting the ever-changing Amish culture respectfully and accurately is no easy task. The authenticity of the Amish Country Homestead resulted in its designation as the only Heritage Site Amish house tour in Lancaster County.

Amish Hi-Tech

In 1995, a new concept in interpreting Amish life debuted when the Amish Experience F/X Theater became only the third "experiential" theater in North America. The goal of this one-of-a-kind project was to give a more personal, intimate view of the Amish, connecting past to present. Rather than a somber documentary, the story goes inside an Amish family as their son



Jacob struggles to decide whether to remain in the Amish faith.

An important missing link in most tellings of the Amish story is the persecution of the Anabaptists in Europe and the perilous journey to America. Rather than observe, visitors will now feel a part of history as special effects, including an amazing technology called "Pepper's Ghost," combine with smoke, wind, rain, and fire effects in a wrap-around barnyard setting.

A superb blending of entertainment and education, this touching and exciting production has moved some people to tears and children to exclaim "Wow!" This show, which has been called "400 years of history in 40 minutes of magic," can only be seen here in Lancaster, so be sure to make it a part of your visit. (Shows on the hour.)

Where the Amish Live & Work

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A Lancaster Original

Amos, Ben, Manny and Elmer are the Amish farmers who supply the Plain & Fancy Farm Restaurant with sweet corn, tomatoes, watermelon, cabbage, broccoli, squash, peppers and onions. These neighbors, and the neighbors before them, have helped Plain & Fancy Farm Restaurant go “from farm to table” for over 50 years. The restaurant is AAA recommended, a PA Preferred and ServSafe award winner, and the Pennsylvania recipient of USA Today’s Great Plate Award.

The Amish Farm Feast

Plain & Fancy Farm Restaurant is best known for being Lancaster County’s original family-style restaurant. The all-you-can-eat Amish Farm Feast includes your entrees, side dishes, starters, desserts and beverages. Enjoy fried chicken, roast beef, chicken pot pie, baked sausage, real mashed potatoes, buttered noodles, green and yellow string beans, dried sweet corn, chow chow, cole slaw, raisin bread, rolls and apple butter, lemonade, iced tea, hot tea, coffee, sour cream apple crumb pie, shoofly pie and vanilla ice cream. A \$3 off coupon valid for each adult in the party can be found adjacent to this article.

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The restaurant also offers a new ala carte menu featuring mouth watering appetizers, signature soups and salads, charbroiled burgers and sandwiches, and made-from-scratch entrees and platters. The ala carte menu is also a great value with Lunch Specials from \$7.95 and Dinner Specials from \$10.95.

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Country Store’s collection of traditional Amish clothing, straw hats, bonnets, toys and dolls, and discover new treasures to adorn your kitchen and home. You’ll find seasonal items as well as Christmas decorations, available year-round. The store also features Kitchen Kettle jams and jellies, bakery fresh items from Miller’s Bakery, and Plain & Fancy chow chow and apple butter.

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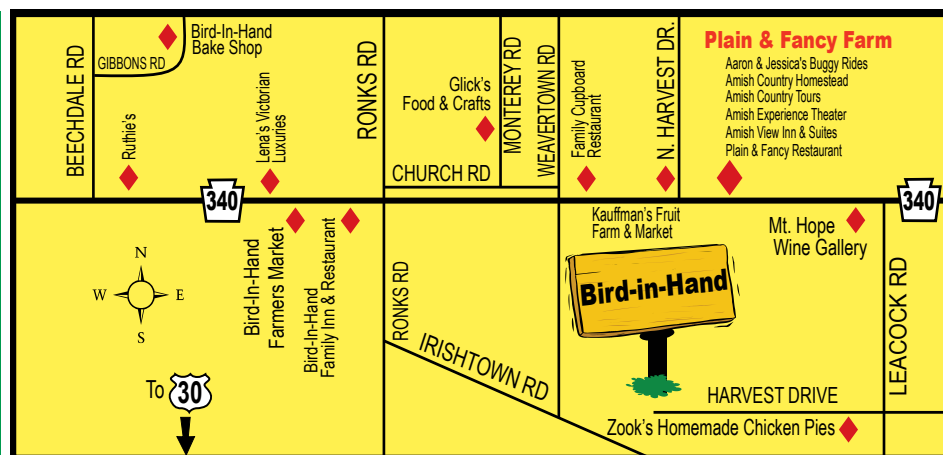
While you’re at Plain & Fancy Farm, you’re invited to stroll up and visit AmishView Inn & Suites, a classically beautiful hotel that features elegant accommodations and incredible views. If time permits, a front desk representative can

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Where It All Began

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Welcome to the Village of Bird-in-Hand



Of the many unique village names that dot the Amish Country map, one of the more interesting is Bird-in-Hand.

The story of the town of Bird-in-Hand is as colorful as the name itself. To be correct, the town is really a village, since it has no governing body. When Bird-in-Hand celebrated its 250th Anniversary (1734 – 1984), a commemorative booklet was put together. It outlined a brief history of the town...

William Penn, an English Quaker, had founded the colony of Penn's Woods (Pennsylvania), and settlers began arriving from Europe in the early 1700's, moving westward from the port city of Philadelphia.

"When the Old Philadelphia Pike became a well-established route of transportation for those traveling west to the Alleghenies, Lancaster became known as the gateway to the west." The trip by stagecoach for passengers, or Conestoga wagon with freight and merchandise, lasted several days. Inns were built every few miles, identified with signs held by an iron pole or attached to the side of the building.

The reason for these signs was twofold. First, they could be understood by all nationalities. Most travelers were either English or German-speaking people, but other languages were not uncommon. Secondly, many teamsters or wagoners were poorly educated and could not read. If they were given orders to stop at a certain inn, they could do so by recognizing the artwork on the signboard.

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Since 1972, the Bird-in-Hand Bake Shop has remained family owned and operated. Erwin (Sr.) & Annie Miller were the first of this family chain. Now in the second generation, Erwin (Jr.) & Linda Miller, along with their son, Glenn Miller (3rd generation, who has a son Erwin Miller III) have been running the business since 1996. Many of the recipes used today are still the "tried and true from scratch" recipes Grandma Miller used since the family began operating the business in 1972. The wonderful aroma of baking hits you almost before you're through the door. And it only gets better from there!

The family and its many Plain community employees want visitors to get that great homemade taste at a better price than commercial bakeries. "We take pride in the things that we bake and enjoy the look on people's faces as they taste our selection." And what a selection it is! You'll see varieties of fresh baked breads (their cheese bread is a personal favorite), potato rolls, cinnamon buns, "melt in your mouth" whoopie pies, gooey-bottom Dutch shoo-fly pie (their specialty), cookies, fruit pies, angel food and layer cakes, and many, many more items.

Through a window behind the counter, you can observe the mixing and baking process, and see trays of baked goods waiting to go into the display cases or to be sent to fulfill wholesale orders for several local restaurants. (Bird-in-Hand Bake Shop baked goods can also be found

at various market stands in five different states.) The sweet scents of fresh breads and cookies always greet your nose!

Not only can you indulge your sweet tooth with a chocolate whoopie pie or a creamy cone of local ice cream, but Bird-in-Hand Bake Shop also offers its visitors a few extras. They have a fine selection of local handmade crafts. "Our wide assortment fits many people's tastes and interests." You'll find locally made Amish dolls, pillow cases, pictures, candles, Amish straw hats, hand painted slates, and much more. In addition there is always a variety of canned goods and bulk foods, especially popular with those large families that live in the area.

The Millers realized that with all that food and country peacefulness, visitors might want to linger and relax. "Our large wrap around porch provides an excellent place to enjoy a hot cinnamon roll and a steaming cup of coffee." And with more than enough green grass to go around, they have installed several picnic areas to enjoy, along with public restrooms and waste bins for your picnic use.

Finally, since the Millers have a family of their own, they know it is important to keep the children entertained on a vacation. "While you shop, your children can burn some energy outdoors in our huge play area." And any place in Amish Country just wouldn't be right without some animals. That's why they've added a petting zoo to their list of attractions.

It may be a little off the beaten path, but at the Bird-in-Hand Bake shop you can truly savor the quiet peacefulness and baked goodness found only in the heart of Lancaster County. As the Millers would say, "You can consider yourself personally invited to come and spend a day with us in beautiful Amish Country. We are confident that you will find the baked goods, crafts, and location second to none."

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The old legend of the naming of Bird-in-Hand concerns the time when the Old Philadelphia Pike was being laid out between Lancaster and Philadelphia. By 1734, road surveyors were making McNabb's hotel, built by pioneer landowners William and Dorothy McNabb, their headquarters rather than returning to Lancaster every day for lodging.

Legend says that two road surveyors were discussing whether they should stay at their

present location or go to the town of Lancaster to spend the night. One of them said, "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush," and so they remained. The sign in front of the inn is known to have once "portrayed a man with a bird in his hand and a bush nearby, in which two birds were perched," and soon was known as the Bird-in-Hand Inn.

"The last hand-painted sign featuring the bird in hand was done by Benjamin Elmer Leaman

An Amish Quilter Speaks

A while back we spent some time with an Amish lady who owns a quilt shop discussing how she got started and the "meaning" of quilts to the Amish themselves...

"I started quilting because I loved to sew. When I was a kid with Mom, she'd sit at the quilt frame beside me and show me how to do it. Actually, I started by sewing on the treadle sewing machine first, on my own, making doll dresses and so forth. Mom made quilts for the family, for the boys and the girls when they got married. There were eleven of us. I think maybe the boys got one quilt and the girls got two. Mom's sister pieced the tops together, and then she had a quilting bee with her sisters or aunts or cousins to finish the quilt. At a quilting bee you can almost do a quilt in a day, rather than the three to four weeks working alone. Most people have no idea how much time it takes to make a quilt, to do each stitch by hand. The Amish nowadays use the traditional colors less, and use prints more. But I want to make sure that my boys get a "Sunshine and Shadow" quilt. I don't want to lose that. For the boys, I also like the "Log Cabin" and the "Irish Chain" patterns. I hope to make three quilts for my daughter and two for each of my three boys when they get married. Grandmother has also been giving quilts to her grandchildren when they turn 15 or 16. Now, we can make quilts to sell. But I'll always hang onto my mother's "Sunshine and Shadow" quilt. My aunt pieced that one together, and she's not here anymore. It's got sentimental value to me and I'll keep it."



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and his artwork merely portrayed a bird in a hand." Variations of this sign appear throughout the town today. Some residents might say that the bird nestled in the human hand indicates friendship, comfort, and hospitality.

The original hotel was destroyed by fire about 1851. By the following year, a three-story hotel was built to replace it.

More recently, it was Bitzer's Hotel before becoming the present Village Inn of Bird-in-Hand, a beautiful bed and breakfast property. The Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County said that the existing brick building "may be one of the few 19th century inns in the context of a small town in Lancaster County, which survives with a high degree of architectural integrity." It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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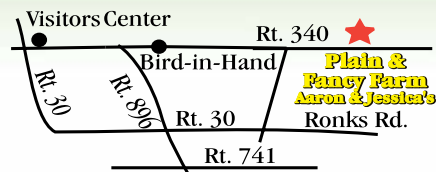
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Gibbons is an important name in the town's history. Quaker activists, the Gibbonses operated the primary Underground Railroad "station" for slaves escaping from the South. It is said that Hannah and Daniel Gibbons helped about 1,000 slaves. "A single tap on the window at night indicated to everyone in the family that a fugitive was there. The escapees were taken to the barn and in the morning brought to the house separately," where each was given a new identity.

The Railroad Hotel, built in 1835 at Beechdale Road, was one of the largest buildings in town, with 32 rooms to accommodate the workers constructing the Pennsylvania Railroad. (It was torn down in 1934.) It was the scene, in 1917, of a memorable incident. A man visited the tavern with his pet dancing bear. Both were served quite a bit of alcohol by the patrons. Eventually the bear got drunk and had to be locked in the basement!

Well into the 1900's, everything from flowers to live ducks were shipped from the village to large cities by the railroad. As late as the 1950's, mail was "hung from a long arm and caught by a moving train."

The town post office was established in 1836 as the Enterprise Post Office. "Enterprise" was then the official name of the town, until the final change back to Bird-in-Hand in 1873.

After a large fire in 1896, people discussed the need for a fire company. In the early days,

hitting a circular saw alerted the men of a fire. The year 1916 saw the change from horse-drawn to motorized fire equipment. Today the Hand-in-Hand Fire Company remains a volunteer organization, famous for its delicious fund-raiser dinners.

The town of Bird-in-Hand remained relatively unknown until a musical called *PLAIN & FANCY* opened in New York in 1955. As the show begins, we meet two sophisticated New Yorkers who have come to Lancaster to sell a farm they have inherited. They are now lost, and in the big

opening number ask the locals for directions --- "Where the heck is Bird-in-Hand?"

Today, the town of Bird-in-Hand is still small, said to have a population of only about 300 people. On any given day, there may be more visitors than inhabitants. Many are city folks who have come to enjoy the country atmosphere, history, and shopping. It is said that visitors "can still expect friendly shopkeepers, homegrown Lancaster County foods, and restful lodging for weary travelers."

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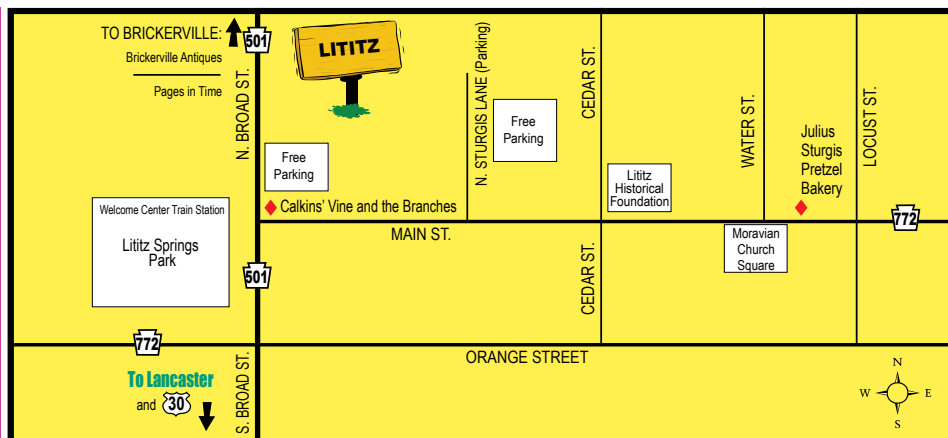
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Lititz Springs Park is a popular spot for locals, and the site for many community activities. Indeed, the town's 4th of July Celebration, begun in 1818, is reputedly the "oldest continuing community-wide observance in the United States." Historians say the springs are what brought Indians to the area. Spearheads have

been found nearby, dating back to perhaps 6,000 B.C. A recent local journal states that "Main Street was traveled by human beings for at least 10,000 years."

The Lititz story is tied to that of the Moravian faith in Bohemia. It was in the present-day Czech Republic that John Hus and followers founded the Moravian Church in 1457. Historians note that since this was 60 years before Luther's Reformation, the Moravians may lay claim to being the oldest organized Protestant Church. But over the course of the Thirty Years War, its 200,000 members nearly disappeared. In the 18th century, a renewal of the Moravian Church came through the patronage of Count Zinzendorf of Saxony. He invited all those persecuted

for their faith to come to his lands in Saxony.

As was the case with other persecuted religious groups in Europe, many Moravians sought freedom by taking the perilous journey to the New World, arriving in the early 1700's, with the main settlements becoming established in Pennsylvania and North Carolina.

Missionary work was integral to the faith, and preachers were sent from the Moravian community in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Zinzendorf himself arrived in America in 1742. A local resident, John Klein (Kline), was so moved by hearing Zinzendorf's preaching that he made arrangements to transfer his lands over to the Moravian community in 1755. It was in the following year that the town actually got the name of Lititz, the German spelling for Lidice,

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In addition to mission work, music and education were important to the Moravians. In fact, the Lititz schoolhouse erected in 1746 marked the beginnings of what was to be Linden Hall, the oldest continuously operating residence school for girls in the United States.

For about a hundred years, Moravian church members were the only people permitted to live in the town. A Brothers' House and Sisters' House were erected for the unmarried men and women, although they did not live communally. It was not until 1855 that non-Moravians were allowed to own their own houses.

The complex of buildings comprising the Moravian congregation is well worth seeing, particularly the church built in 1787. A museum and gift shop are also on the grounds.

Two names are linked forever with the history of Lititz --- Sturgis and Sutter. It was Julius Sturgis who opened the first commercial pretzel bakery in the New World in Lititz. The year was 1861, and the site at 219 East Main Street is on the National Register of Historic Places.

A tour of the bakery is unlike any other. Inside, you get to try your hand at pretzel twisting. It's not as easy as it looks. Guests also may see the old brick bake ovens, as well as the more modern facilities. It's not unusual to see visitors walking the streets with their white Sturgis souvenir hats and big bags of pretzels to take home.

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Every Christmas the Moravian Church in Lititz displays a spectacular 110-point star. The design was obtained from Germany, reproduced in Lititz, and first hung in the church in 1980. You can also see a beautiful seven-foot Moravian Star year-round at the National Christmas Center in Lancaster, which features a special walk-through exhibit on Pennsylvania Christmas customs, offering visitors and locals the opportunity to see examples of many of our local holiday traditions. 

some gold flakes were spotted in the water. Soon Gold Rush fever struck and Sutter's land was overrun. Because of his need to be near Washington, D.C. while seeking reimbursement for his lost lands, the Sutters stayed one summer at the Springs Hotel in Lititz. They decided to settle there, and promptly bought a home and placed their children in school. The hotel is now known as the General Sutter Inn, and the Sutter home built in 1871 is across the street at 19 East Main Street. The more you explore Lititz, the

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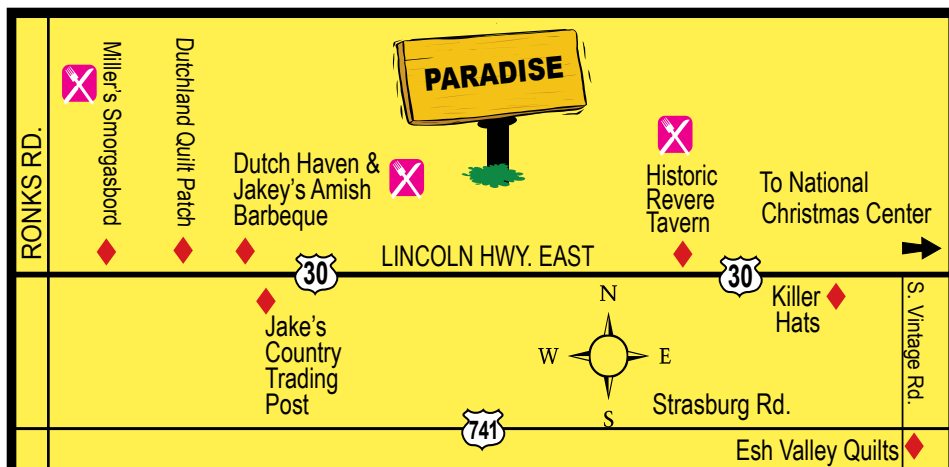
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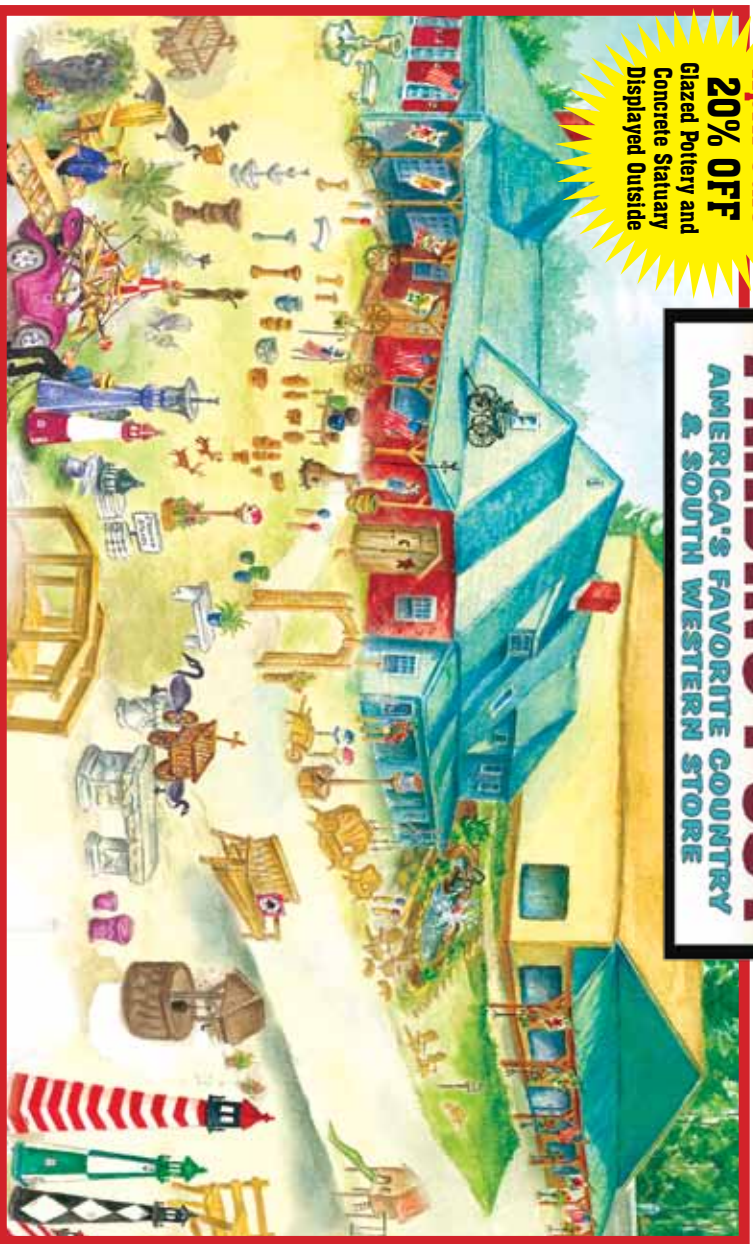
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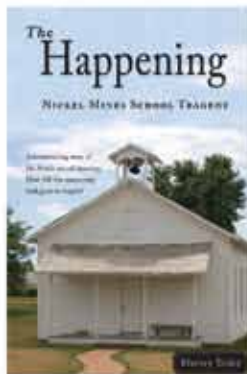
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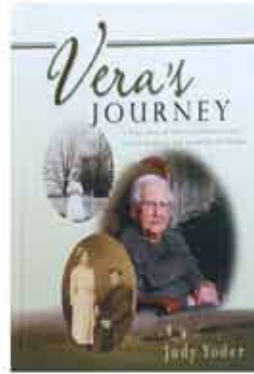
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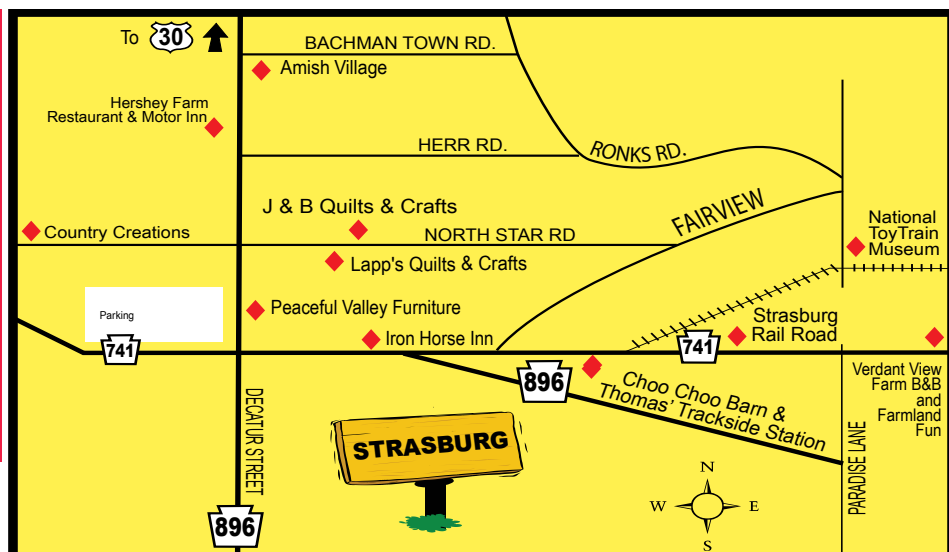
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It is often noted that Strasburg, named for the city in France, was actually "founded" by a Frenchman, Pierre Bezaillon, who traded with the Delaware Indians. The story goes he came to the area in 1693, the same year associated with the origin of the Amish faith in Europe. So French fur traders opened up the first path through this area from Philadelphia to the Susquehanna River—known as "Minqua's Path."

To the east, a group of French Huguenots (Protestants unwelcome in the Catholic country of France) was settling at the same time: families with names like Ferree, LeFevre, and Rhinier, still prominent in Strasburg today.

As early as 1716, when the first wagon was used for hauling goods between Philadelphia and Lancaster County, the Indian path became known as the Conestoga Road. The first wagoner was John Miller. By 1717 there were two more wagons, and the first to be described as a Conestoga Wagon. The first buildings appeared in the village about 1733. A traveler, who drove through during the second half of the 18th century, described it as a village of log houses. During the next half century, traffic on this road increased considerably, and Main Street Strasburg was developed. A remarkably intact village today, it

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boasts a number of buildings constructed before 1815.

The 1769 tax returns list several houses—53 log, 29 brick and four stone. About half were 2-story, indicative of the affluence of Strasburg, which in the late 18th century, was second only to Lancaster Borough in terms of relative wealth. Generally the oldest houses were built “on the street,” with almost no setback, but deep back yards and spacious and productive flower and vegetable gardens.

Located along the major wagon routes between Philadelphia, Lancaster, and the Susquehanna River, Strasburg was one of the principal stopping stations and, with the heavy wagon traffic, it probably also had many rough travelers. At one time there were as many as eight or ten taverns or “ordinaries” here.

No doubt the religious nature of the first settlers was responsible for the village becoming a center for worship and education. In 1816, when the village was incorporated into a Borough, the name Strasburg was selected, from the Cathedral City from which the “Swissers” came—Strasbourg in Alsace.

In 1791, Bishop Francis Asbury preached in a tavern and reportedly said, “I believe we should have a house of worship and the Lord will have a people in this place.” Later that year, Bishop Asbury organized the first Methodist congregation in town. In the early years of its development, the village was blessed with over a half dozen wealthy clergy and physicians. Because of their education and religious background, Strasburg became a cultural and educational center.

Rev. Nathaniel Sample, a Presbyterian minister, was one such individual. In 1790 he founded the “Strasburg Philosophical Society,” and in 1791 was also active in the creation of the “Strasburg Scientific Society.” As far as is known, Rev. Sample founded Strasburg’s first formal school in 1790—a classical academy in which he taught Greek and Latin. Sample also conducted a theological school in the east parlor of his home.

These academic enterprises near the close of the 18th century were followed during the 19th century by a flood of schools. On February 13, 1823, by an act of the Legislature of Pennsylvania an Academy was established in which “the languages, arts, and sciences will be taught.” Nathaniel Sample was listed as the first superintendent.

In 1839, Rev. David McCarter, minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg, founded the Strasburg Academy at 37 East Main Street. (The present day Limestone Inn Bed & Breakfast was the headmaster’s home and housed boarding students). The Academy gained the reputation of being one of the best academies in the country for both boarding and day students, and its students came from all over the East Coast and as far away as Cuba and Puerto Rico.



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In 1841, Rev. McCarter opened a classical school for girls—the “Strasburg Female Seminary” at 17 East Main, quite an unusual institution for his time.

As Strasburg flourished, so did its neighbor to the east, Philadelphia. The commercial interests of Philadelphia pressured the State Legislature to improve the transportation network into their

city. As a result, an internal improvements bill passed in 1826 to construct a series of canals. The Philadelphia and Columbia Rail Road was also incorporated with financing provided by the state.

With these undertakings, Strasburg residents became alarmed at the possibility of losing their commercial position, and from this concern emerged the Strasburg Rail Road. In 1832 a charter

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was secured from the Pennsylvania Legislature to construct a line connecting Strasburg with the Philadelphia and Columbia Rail Road main line near Paradise. Due to financial difficulties, the project was delayed. But finally in the 1850's the train was hauling freight and passengers. About 100 years later, business had dwindled, and a severe storm in 1957 destroyed much of the track. It seemed the Rail Road had reached the end of the line.

Some local train enthusiasts brought the Rail Road back to life in a totally new way. Having discovered they could make more money

transporting people rather than freight, they soon added more cars and buildings, and today's Strasburg Rail Road was born. As America's oldest shortline Rail Road, it is now one of the area's top attractions, and trains and cars have been used in many famous movies. From Thomas the Tank Engine events to the wine and cheese trains, there is much to see and do as you travel the rails on the "Road to Paradise." Appropriately enough, the State decided to build the newly expanded Rail Road Museum of Pennsylvania across the street, the ideal place to preserve the history of Rail Roading in Pennsylvania, as well as many historic locomotives and train cars.

Many of the older houses along Main Street were at one time private schools, academies or taverns. With so many of the structures still intact, the Strasburg Borough Council enacted an ordinance in 1970 that created a Historic District, in order to maintain the charm and historical significance of the village. The ordinance prohibits the altering of the façades of structures without approval by a "Board of Architectural Review." East Main, West Main and Miller (a continuation of West Main), plus two blocks of South Decatur Street constitute the Historic District, which is approximately 2 miles long, comprises 82.5 acres, and contains 193 buildings.

A significant aspect of the Historic District is the survival rate of the oldest buildings. At least 12 of the 29 oldest brick structures survive, all four of the oldest stone houses are still intact, and there are at least two dozen log houses still standing in the district, putting the survival rate of pre-1815 houses at approximately 50%, an amazing statistic indeed.

The Strasburg Heritage Society has created a free self-guided "Strolling Tour of Strasburg's Historic District." Brochures are available at various locations in town, including the Strasburg News Office (140 West Main), or by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Strasburg Heritage Society, P. O. Box 81, Strasburg, PA 17579. 

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Lancaster County has deep roots. The soil is good for planting (the literal roots) and the people are hearty and hard-working (the metaphorical roots.) Whichever you choose to seek out during your adventure in Pennsylvania Dutch Country, a little exploration among the quiet back roads is a must!

What you will notice is that the local economy might be propped up by plows and potatoes, but significant levels of commerce leave the corn behind and reach into a surprising variety of goods and services. This is the modern landscape, but do not fear that this progress and change has somehow threatened the quaint and simple beauty of "Amish Country." To the contrary, there is more unique local flavor to discover than ever before.

A definite rite of passage in this regard is to find your way to a down-the-lane homestead selling quilts and crafts. It is a simple joy to hold a hand-made quilt in your hands, and to consider how many hours of focused work went into creating such a one-of-a-kind piece of utility art. The hands that stitched the fine lines could as well have once milked the family's herd of cows.

There are many families who once farmed for a living, but now operate a family business. One such family you should meet is the Lapp's on North Star Road just north of Strasburg. They converted the lower level of their home (a sunny and inviting walk-in basement) into a store selling simply sublime quilts and crafts.

Pulling Threads Instead of Plows

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To Wash or Not to Wash? Quilt fabric today is almost always 100 percent cotton or a cotton-polyester blend, both of which are machine-washable. The batting, or filling in the quilts, is usually machine-washable polyester. But since quilts are held together with tiny quilting stitches, it's a good idea to use caution when washing. If you do machine-wash your quilts, do so on a gentle cycle in cold water to prevent shrinkage. And if the quilt has dark colors, it should be properly dry-cleaned to prevent the colors from bleeding. Rather than using a machine dryer, hang your quilt outdoors, preferably over several clotheslines to distribute the weight, or dried flat on the grass with towels underneath. That way you won't stretch the stitches or material. For older quilts or whenever in doubt, washing should be avoided. In fact, for all quilts, the best approach is to first try airing or a gentle vacuuming using a flexible screen on top of the quilt. If you do wash, a better approach is to do so by hand, using mild soap.



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chemicals in cardboard boxes, paper bags, and wooden chests can also be bad for quilts.

It's Your Heritage Finally, consider using a permanent fabric pen to write a little information about the quilt (a date, its maker, pattern, special meaning, etc.) on a piece of cloth. Then sew it onto the back of the quilt. That way your cherished family heirloom will mean more for future generations. 



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Nowadays, the Historic Revere Tavern remains an excellent place to dine, and continues to offer lodging accommodations, just as it did hundreds of years ago. So, during your visit to Lancaster, be sure to spend a little time in Paradise.

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that time, the first "planned" road between Philadelphia and Lancaster was what is now Route 340. It was called the "King's Highway," and today we still call it the "Old Philadelphia Pike."

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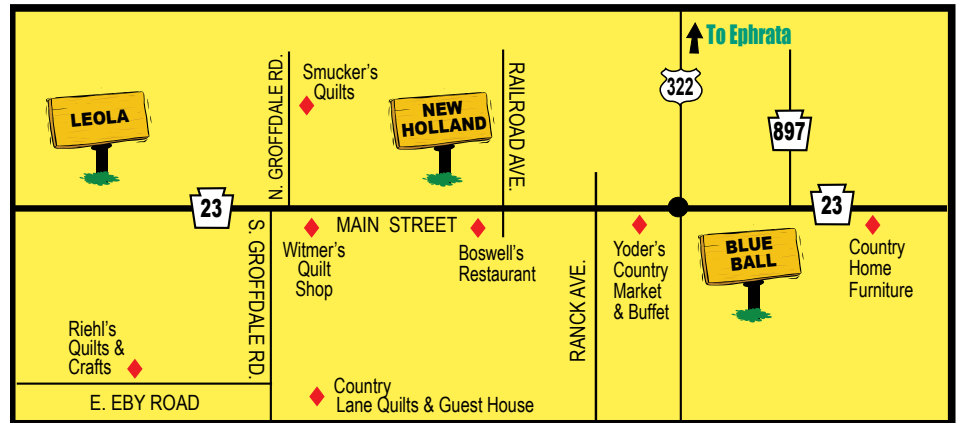
This entire century had been one of continued misery for the peasants of the Palatinate (western Germany). The Thirty Years War has raged across the area with barbaric ruthlessness. Some towns were burned out two or three separate times during the period. The peasant inhabitants fled to nearby Holland for refuge. And within a decade of the end of that conflict, King Louis XI V of France started a new religious war in the same general area.

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Naming the Town

In 1729 the Proprietary Legislature started to establish inland counties, and the following year Lancaster County was divided into 17 townships. Because the first settler in this general area was at Groffdale, the township was named after him, with the English equivalent of his German name which is Earl. Consequently the settlement was referred to as "Earltown." Michael Diffenderfer named his real estate development New Design in 1750. In 1802 when a post office was established and an official name was necessary, there was no dissension to naming the town New Holland.





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Making Whoopie...Pies, That Is! by Brad Igou

If you live in Maine or Pennsylvania, you have probably heard about the recent "Whoopie Pie Debate," with Maine's legislature considering naming the whoopie pie as the state's official dessert. I have been interviewed by several reporters about this, and The Wall Street Journal actually sent a reporter here to do a story and video. I drove her to the Bird-in-Hand Bake Shop on Gibbons Road to sample her first whoopie pie. The folks at the bake shop didn't know about the controversy. They also didn't know what the fuss was about. Who "invented" whoopie pies? No one knows. They remember them being made here going as far back as their grandparents can remember.

I talked to someone in Maine, who once lived in Lancaster. While he said Maine's whoopie pies are delicious, his question was "why not blueberry pie" for Maine? Exactly! Besides, Hershey Farm Restaurant already has a Whoopie Pie Festival, and they claim to have created 100 different variations. So top that, you bakers up in Maine! The visitors bureau here has even started a tongue-in-cheek "Save Our Whoopie Pie" campaign, with a post on YouTube. And the Bird-in-Hand Restaurant Bakery on Route 340 says they'll give a free whoopie pie to anyone with a Maine driver's license, extending the olive branch with a pie. Now, if you don't know what a whoopie pie is, then you darn well better find out and try one while you are here. You don't need to go to Maine to get one! 

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Iron Horse Inn.....	L,D \$\$ MCC
Loxley's Restaurant.....	B,L,D - \$\$\$ - MCC
Revere Tavern.....	L,D \$\$\$ MCC
Sugarplums & Tea.....	B,L - \$ - VM,D

Sweets and Treats

Mr. Sticky's Homemade Sticks.....	B,L,D - \$ - MCC
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Pennsylvania Dutch / Local Traditional

Bird-in-Hand Family Restaurant.....	B,L,D \$ to \$\$ MV
Family Cupboard.....	B,L,D \$ to \$\$ MVA
Good N' Plenty.....	L,D \$\$ MV
Hershey Farm.....	B,L,D \$\$ MCC
Intercourse Village Restaurant.....	B, L, D, \$
Jakey's Amish Barbeque.....	L,D \$ to \$\$ MCC
Plain & Fancy Farm.....	L,D \$\$ MCC
Yoder's Restaurant.....	B,L,D \$\$ MCC

Smorgasbord / Buffet

Miller's Smorgasbord.....	B,L,D,SB,R \$\$ to \$\$\$ MCC
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Wineries / Breweries

Mount Hope Estate & Winery	
Union Barrel Works.....	L,D \$\$ MCC

The Dining Key

The following abbreviations and symbols indicate meals served, average entrée cost, and credit cards accepted...

Meals

B.....	Breakfast
L.....	Lunch
D.....	Dinner
SB.....	Sunday Brunch
LN.....	Late Night
R.....	Reservations suggested

Dinner Entrees

\$.....	Under \$10
\$\$.....	\$11-\$20
\$\$\$.....	\$21-\$30
\$\$\$\$\$.....	over \$30

Credit Cards

A.....	American Express
D.....	Discover
M.....	MasterCard
V.....	VISA
MCC.....	Major Credit Cards

When you mention Lancaster almost anywhere in the United States (and beyond), people think of the Amish and the local foods. And when you think of eating here, you'll probably think of Pennsylvania Dutch family-style dining. And for many visitors, when they think family-style they think "Good 'N Plenty."

The restaurant started in 1969 when founder Christ Lapp bought an original farmhouse, and converted it into a restaurant. The meals were served in this authentic atmosphere at the long tables we all associate with this style of dining. The Lapps had already learned from their wives that ladies didn't like crawling over benches to sit at the table, so chairs remained part of the formula. And Dolly brought with her all the things that had made family-style dining successful... Simple, home-cooked food, traditional recipes, and all the food brought to the table and passed among other visitors who you did not know, but who soon became part of that table's "family." Conversations followed as the platters were passed around, refilled, and passed some more before you heard the sighs of delight as the desserts arrived toward the end of the meal.

For many visitors, eating at Good 'N Plenty when they visited Lancaster became a tradition. Bus groups were arriving, as they still do, and they needed to expand from the 200 people they could serve in the farmhouse. People were waiting in line up to two hours to get a place at a table. So, in 1971 the larger dining room was added to serve several hundred more. Good 'N Plenty can now handle 600 guests at a time! For the first 15-20 years there was so much



Over 40 Years Eating "Family-Style"

business from tourists and bus groups that they just took the phone call reservations and then had to shut off group meals at 5:00 pm so they had room for walk-ins.

Of course, the facility has been modernized and is more spacious, with a lovely gift shop and wonderful bakery, but you'll still see people

eating in the original farmhouse, clearly visible from the road as you drive down Route 896.

The name of the restaurant for the next generation of the Lapp family (and their customers) still epitomizes what the authentic Pennsylvania Dutch cooking and dining experience here is all about --- 'Good Food and Plenty of It!' 

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Enter the newly renovated Miller's and step back in time. As you approach the hostess stand, you find yourself walking on old time marble and slate. Images of bygone days line the walls. Pictures of employees, family and the evolving restaurant fascinate customers as they wait in line to be seated. At the front of this line, customers are greeted by hosts and hostesses through the windshield of a 1927 Graham Brothers Huckster truck. The folks at Miller's took an old, deteriorating truck and turned the front end into a hostess podium. Randy Heffner, a Miller's Manager, turns on the Huckster's lights. "Five weeks ago, this place was stripped down to cement floors and bare walls. Today, it's part eatery, part history lesson," he said.

As the hostess escorts customers to their table, they walk past mural sized, sepia toned images from the 1929 era. They are seated at tables made from old barn board planks, recycled, re-manufactured and shipped to Miller's from the state of Alabama. Antique-like chandeliers provide a warm glow, while tiny recessed fixtures light the images that fill the walls. To make access and seating more comfortable, Miller's eliminated 60 seats.

However, the changes are not limited to walls, lights, floors, tables and chairs. Albert Duncan, chief executive for Miller's, states that "It has always been about the food, and it will always be about the food. Therefore, we took this opportunity to give our food selections and style of service a facelift too. 95% of our food is made from scratch, and we contract with local farmers to make sure it's fresh. Now, with our newly expanded center island 'action station,' you can watch food prepared before your eyes. Executive Chef Steve Gainer is excited about some of the new items presented from the

'action station,' stating that "customers love the new charbroiler and the grilled chicken breast, ham, and grilled veggies. Our carved slow roasted sirloin and turkey breast is offered out of the action station as well as beef stroganoff and, of course, chicken & waffles." Gainer also notes that in addition to enhancing Miller's Traditional Smorgasbord offerings, they've also enhanced their Soup, Salad & Bread Smorgasbord, featuring 8 scratch-made soups,

exclusive salads and bakery fresh breads and rolls. And in the coming months, customers will also be able to order luncheon and dinner features from a limited ala carte menu. How does a colossal, charbroiled burger topped with all the trimmings and Miller's own warm bacon dressing sound?

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Easy Rides From Amish Country

The idea of "Hub & Spoke" has become popular with visitors. You can stay in one central location, and do short day trips to other nearby destinations from your base. In Amish Country, hub and spoke locations are many. Here are a few that are popular with visitors, all from the home base of Lancaster...

Bird-in-Hand to Hershey: 30 Miles

Driving Time: 40 Minutes

When visiting Hershey, your starting point should be **HERSHEY'S CHOCOLATE WORLD**. Did you know that Hershey kisses were first introduced in 1907, and that the Hershey plant can produce 24 million kisses in one day? Enjoy the fun on the exciting and educational chocolate-making tour ride, which has undergone an exciting renovation for 2006, and get a free sample after your trip. Remember, admission to the Chocolate World ride is FREE! Information on other Hershey area attractions is available here as well.

Another popular attraction in the Chocolate World building is "Hershey's Really Big 3-D Show," a fun-filled special effects show that is a comical and exciting three-part musical story kids will enjoy. The 30-minute show is presented in full cinema HD.

Especially popular is "Hershey's Create Your Own Candy Bar." Since you can't go into the actual

factory, why not pretend by making your very own candy bar in this re-created factory setting. You'll design the packaging on the computer, create your own bar, perhaps with your name on it, and mix the ingredients and toppings you desire. What could be better than creating your very own Hershey's candy bar? Eating it, perhaps! But Hershey's is also more than just candy bars. So why not check out the "Dessert Creation Studio," and see how creative you can be using chocolate to fashion your own special desserts.

After these activities, you will still want to allow some time for the Chocolate Tasting Adventure, Marketplace Shops, and Bake Shoppe. Trolley tours of the town of Hershey depart from the Chocolate World entrance as well.

So, even if you've visited Hershey before, it's time to once again follow the smell of chocolate to the "Sweetest Place on Earth."

Intercourse to Adamstown: 21 Miles

Driving Time: 20 Minutes

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U.S.A. The Adamstown area is bursting with antique shops. Many are even open on Sundays, making this a great destination for those trolling for bargains over the weekend. A favorite spot is **SHUPP'S GROVE**. This beautiful outdoor antique market is open weekends through October, and every weekend has its own theme, be it Farming and Hunting, or Dolls and Bears. Their slogan is "the romance of the woods, the thrill of the hunt, and the euphoria of the 'big find.'"

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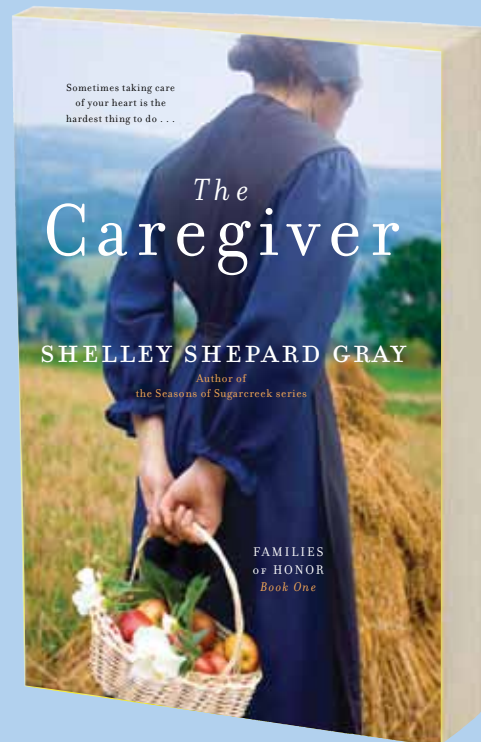
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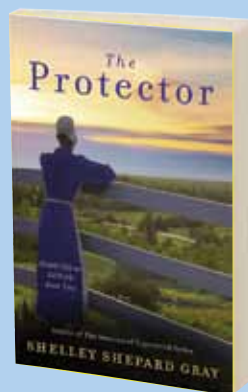
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PA Gourd Fest: The Many Faces of Gourds

gourd: n. — any of several trailing or climbing plants related to the pumpkin, squash, and cucumber, bearing fruits with a hard rind.

by Brad Igou

The first thing you may be thinking is, “What is the Gourd Fest?” The PA Gourd Fest is an annual event of the Pennsylvania Gourd Society that thousands of enthusiasts from near-by states attend.

Your next questions may be, “Why would I go to a Gourd Fest?” Here we have many answers. Of course, if you are interested in gourds and crafts, this event is a must for you. You will find thousands of craft-ready gourds of all shapes and sizes, free gourd cutting, extensive supplies, and lots of inspiration from the gourd artists. So

whether you are a first-timer, a curiosity seeker, or an experienced crafter, you are in for a treat.

Most of you are probably like me. I first went to the Gourd Fest last year. I wasn’t quite sure what to expect. Of course, I knew the setting at Smucker’s Gourd Farm on Route 897, north of Route 340. It’s simply a beautiful drive, with some stunning views of the countryside. As I drove in the lane of this Amish farm, some young Amish boys directed me to park in the field. Right then I knew that this was a truly unique Lancaster County event.



“Aspens in the Autumn” gourd
by Miriam Joy Sagen

I walked past various tables and displays and headed to the main building. Here I saw gourds used and embellished in ways I had never imagined... from gourd animals to intricately carved gourds that looked like they belonged in a museum. I felt a bit ashamed that my expectations had been so limited, and greatly appreciated that they had now been so creatively expanded.

Whether you buy anything or not (you probably will), you can just enjoy the people, the variety, and the goings-on. A local volunteer fire company ladies auxiliary was selling really tasty food and drink. The ice cream vendor was kept busy. People were in tents and other buildings working on gourd art, or offering demonstrations. Children were playing musical gourds at the Kids Korner. Old friends were reunited. And everyone was happy to answer questions.

For those who want to take classes with some of the 21 experienced gourd artists from seven states, you can sign-up in advance on the Society’s website.

Here at Amish Country News, we recognize many Lancaster County events, most of which have major corporate sponsors. But here was an unheralded event few people know about. It’s now on my favorite events list. It is fitting that the Amish Experience at Plain & Fancy has become the sponsor of the Gourd Fest, believing it to be a quintessential Amish Country experience. So put this FREE event on your June calendar! 🚗

Thursday & Friday
June 23-24, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.
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Flory's & Cottages & Camping



Of course there are hundreds of hotels, and about as many bed & breakfasts, in Lancaster County but sometimes isn't it nice to get closer to nature, closer to the land itself? After all, Lancaster's Amish Country is world-famous mainly for one thing: the beautiful countryside. At Flory's Cottages and Camping, this is exactly what you will experience. The campground is surrounded by Amish farmland, so the scenery is simply breathtaking. There are plenty of peaceful campsites for the traditional camper, but there are also full cottages for rent, for the utmost in family comfort and enjoyment. Imagine the sightseeing fun you'll have during the day after such a fine night's rest at Flory's. 

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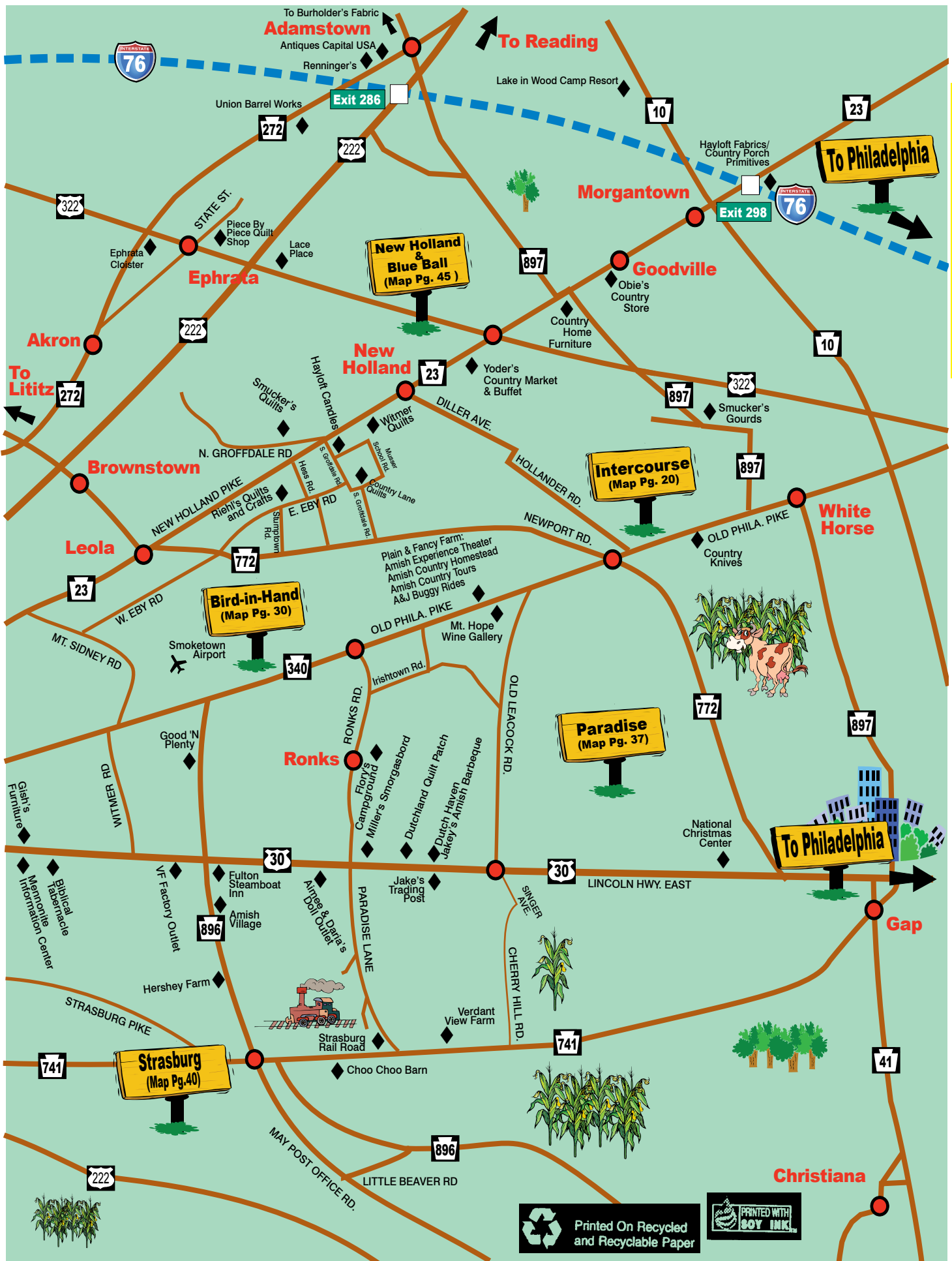
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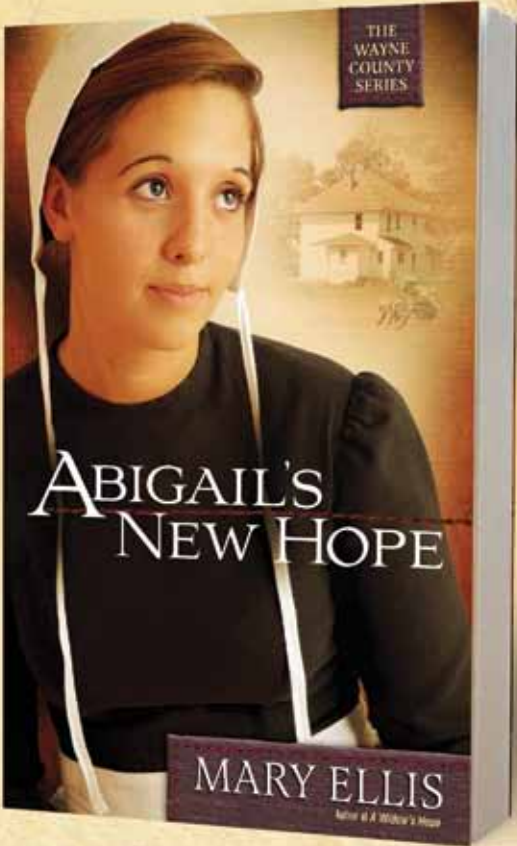
Sunday Activities

For Plain People, Sunday is a day of rest, but there are many things to do in Amish Country on Sundays. Plan ahead and save some of these for your Sunday sight-seeing.

- **Aaron & Jessica's Buggy Rides**
768-8828 • 10:00am to 5:00pm
- **Aimee & Daria's Doll Outlet**
687-8118 • 10:00am to 5:00pm
- **Amish Country Homestead**
768-8400 • 10:30am to 4:15pm
- **Amish Country Tours**
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- **Amish Experience Theater**
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- **Amish Village**
687-8511 • 10:00am to 4:00pm
- **Antiques Capital USA**
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- **Choo Choo Barn**
687-7911 • 10:00am to 5:00pm
- **Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre**
898-1900 • call for show times
- **Dutch Haven**
687-0111 • 9:00am to 7:00pm
- **Ephrata Cloister**
733-6600 • 12:00pm to 5:00pm

- **Ghost Tour of Lancaster County**
687-6687 • Nightly by reservation
- **Hershey's Chocolate World**
534-4900 • 9:00am to 5:00pm or later
- **High Sports**
626-8318 • call for hours
- **Intercourse Canning Company**
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- **Mount Hope Wine Gallery**
768-7194 • 11:00am to 5:00pm
- **National Christmas Center**
442-7950 • 10:00am to 6:00pm
- **National Toy Train Museum**
687-8976 • 10:00am to 5:00pm
- **Renninger's Antique Mall**
336-2177 • 7:30am to 4:00pm
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After 5 Activities

Looking for something to do during the evening hours? There are always movies, shopping malls, outlets, comedy clubs, and lounges at the larger hotels. Here's a list of interesting ideas for the entire family.

- **Aaron & Jessica's Buggy Rides**
768-8828 • Till Dusk
- **Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre**
898-1900 • Call for Show Times
- **Dutch Haven**
687-0111 • Till 7:00pm or later
- **Ghost Tour of Lancaster County**
687-6687 • Nightly By Reservation
- **Hershey's Chocolate World**
534-4900 • Open late Weekends
- **High Sports**
626-8318 • Call for Hours
- **National Christmas Center**
442-7950 • Till 6:00pm
- **Strasburg Railroad**
687-7522 • Call For Hours
- **That Fish Place – That Pet Place**
299-5691 • Till 9:00pm
- **WITNESS Movie Covered Bridge Tour**
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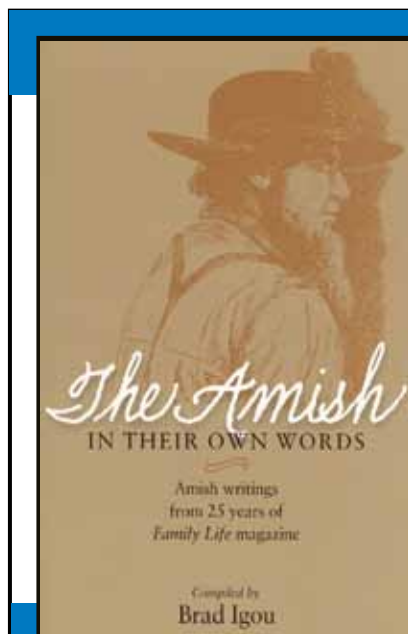
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the amish social network

by Brad Igou

Nominated for Best Picture and other Oscars, the movie “The Social Network” was an intriguing interpretation, and a great film, about the founder and beginning of Facebook. How the internet and social interactions will be transformed is ongoing and evolving. We can now share information with friends and family, everything from photos to the instant communication of a text or mass communication via tweets.

The number of hours we spend in front of a screen at home and at work on a daily basis is staggering. Those of us in the tourism industry have always enjoyed the face-to-face interaction of meeting and talking to people. Watching for facial reactions and getting the nuances of speech are more easily interpreted and more comprehensive than a chat on Skype. Smelling cookies at a bakery or feeling the moist nose of a cow are experiences still not duplicated by a computer, even via your avatar.

Most of this talk of the social network and Facebook is foreign to the Amish, except for some teenagers. But the Amish certainly have a “social network” of their own. Much of this is face-to-face communication, be it with family and relatives, to others in the church district and community. When the Amish go for a visit to a friend's home, the verb “visit” actually seems to mean sitting and chatting. There is no playing cards or watching a movie.

Almost any gathering of Amish involves catching up, such as before and after church where men and women, usually in separate groups, sit and talk. Young people get together for hymn sings and sometimes games of baseball or volleyball. Weddings are a huge gathering of friends and extended family. Activities from quilting bees to filling silo can also be times of social interaction.

While none of these situations, from work to school to social gatherings, is unique to the Amish, their frequency and integration is. This forms a close knit community, where neighbors actually know each other. The importance of face-to-face communication remains. From

weddings to funerals, the Amish usually travel around advising those in the community of the event. Even the use of phones is limited, as they remain outside of the house, except for those pesky cell phones, an issue with which the Amish are still grappling.

For some of us non-Amish, this inability to communicate instantly with the Amish may seem frustrating. We may be forced to leave a message, send a letter, or actually go to see the person. To us, it seems so much more could be accomplished with instant communication, email, the car, etc. But some Amish observe us using all of this technology and see us as more stressed out as we busily try to accomplish everything we think we need to do. Not having all of this technology actually forces a different way of living and communicating for the Amish.

But the Amish, especially those in business, do need to try and keep up with the times to stay competitive. For some time, many local Amish have had websites maintained by outsiders. Amish businesses may have a fax machine, and maybe

even a computer. It is normally stripped of most programs and is used mainly for producing documents, records, accounting, and not for accessing the internet, watching movies, or playing video games. But what about email?

Recently, I came across an advertisement for a service provided by a non-Amish company. They receive email questions and orders on behalf of the Amish business. They then convert the email into a fax, and send it to the Amish business. There an answer is prepared and faxed back. And then the service turns it into an email and sends it back to the customer!

As the world evolves, we (and the Amish) will need to decide how to adapt, expand, or limit the impact and consequences of new technologies, both on our values and our lives, not to mention how we interact and exchange information with others. Care to be a fan of mine on Facebook? 



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